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Amnesty lauds King Hussein's stands

AMMAN (Petra) - Amnesty International/Amman Branch on Saturday lauded His Majesty King Hussein's stands and policies.

Amnesty International said in a press release the King's stands expressed in his speeches were "the best and strongest in the field of human rights." It said that human rights organisations around the world had lauded the King's stands on human rights issues and his stance on democracy in Jordan. The organisation said that for the first time in the Arab World Amnesty International has contributed to organising lectures on human rights at the Police Academy in Jordan and at an advanced security course. It said that the organisation's executive committee in Jordan, headed by Secretary General Tawfiq Abu Baker, had met with Interior Minister Salameh Hammad and presented to him an integrated programme aimed at spreading awareness of human rights. The programme, launched this week, includes delivering lectures on Jordan's stand on human rights as expressed in speeches by King Hussein, the Jordanian Constitution and the National Charter.

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More than 220 people suffer food poisoning in Salt

AMMAN (Petra) — More than 220 people were poisoned after eating at a local restaurant in Salt city, west of Amman. Director of Al Hussein Hospital in Salt Abdul Aziz Mahmoud said Saturday that all the food poisoning victims, suffering vomitting and fever, were admitted to hospital over the last two days. Dr. Mahmoud said he expected the number

Settler shoots Palestinian in Halhoul

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — A female Israeli settler shot and wounded a Palestinian man on Saturday in Haihoul near Hebron in the West Bank, military sources said. The woman settler opened fire on the Palestinian as she drove through Halhoul with her husband. She was arrested at an army roadblock near Hebron. The victim was wounded in the head and was taken to hospital in Hebron. There were no immediate details about his condition.

New school year starts in Algeria

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ALGIERS (AFP) - About eight million youngsters returned to school after the long summer break Saturday with none of the trouble or unrest forecast by Algeria's extreme Islamic fundamentalist group, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA). Police remained extremely discreet around and in front of schools and colleges in Algiers on Saturday. The number of young girls or women teachers wearing the Islamic veil did not appear greater than last year and mixed groups of youngsters were seen chatting at the schools and universities. Last week the GIA laid down four conditions for a "normal beginning" to the school year in schools for six to 15-yearolds: women teachers and pubescent girls should wear the Islamic veil, classes should be single-sex and girls should be banned from music and gymnastics classes (see page 2).

Ghali offers Kashmir mediation

NEW DELHI (AFP) -U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali offered Friday to broker a dialogue between India and Pakistan to resolve their long-running dispute over Kashmir. Officials said the United Nations chief's offer came as New Delhi promised to send troops to participate in U.N. peacekeeping operations in Rwanda, where a demographic crisis has followed the deaths of upwards of 500,000 people in three months of ethnic carnage. "I am ready to be honest broker to help in the resumption of direct talks between the two countries," Dr. Ghali told a news conference after a meeting here with Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao.

N. Korea, U.S. start talks in Pyongyang

TOKYO (AFP) — U.S. and North Korean officials' started expert-level discusstons in Pyongyang late Saturday as part of a deal on ending the standoff sparked by North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons programme, the Korean Central News Agency said. The talks will cover the possibility of opening representative offices in each other's capitals as the first step towards establishing diplomatic ties, said the Pyongyang-based news agency monitored here.

Assad: Syria ready to move

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad reiterated demands on Saturday for full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and said Syria will meet the requirements of

ance of a peace which ensures full withdrawal. It also realises that peace had objective requirements and will meet objective the requirements that are agreed on," Mr. Assad told parliament. The new People's Assembly was elected at the end of August.

the 250-member assembly for the next four years.

Mr. Qaddoura, who was also speaker of the last assembly, is a member of the regional command of the Baath Party. He got 241 votes out of 249 who cast opposed Mr. Qaddoura's

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maining 83 seats.

"Syria realises the import-

Abdul Qadir Qaddoura of the ruling Baath Party was on Saturday reelected speaker of

their ballots. Seven gave white invalid ballots and one

Candidates of the National Progressive Front, grouping parties of the Baath-led ruling coalition, got 167 seats of the new assembly which was Independent candidates who included several wealthy businessmen secured the re-

President Assad's policy speech before the parliament outlined Syria's economic. political and cultural policies.

Israeli Labour deputies want shifts on Golan and Palestinian state

TEL AVTV (Agencies) -Deputies from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's ruling Labour Party on Saturday called for fundamental changes to the party's charter on the Golan Heights and the creation of a Palestinian

Eight members of Knesset (MKs), including Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, said they wanted the Labour Party to drop its commitment to maintaining Israeli "sovereignty" over the strategic plateau, seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East

Their move comes after Mr. Rabin's offer to Syria of a "marginal" withdrawal from the Golan over three years divided his party on Friday.

Labour Party hardliners or "hawks" opposed to concessions to Syria have been drawing up a parliamentary bill requiring a 70 per cent majority in the house and a 65 per cent majority in a "national referendum" before Israel hands back the

But the eight "doves" also said the party's opposition to the creation of an independent Palestinian state was no longer valid.

wards Israel renouncing sovereignty over the Jordan Valley and land north of the Dead Sea which is claimed by Palestinians, they added. They proposed that Jeru-

tricts - a suggestion made by Mr. Beilin last year which caused uproar among both leftwing and right-wing

MKs. The charter was drawn up before Israel's 1992 general elections.

As well as Mr. Beilin, the eight MPs include Abraham Burg, Yael Dayan and Haim Ramon, who is considered as a candidate for the post of prime minister after the next general elections scheduled for two years' time.

Nissim Zvili, party secretary general, said Saturday he had received the proposals and they would be studied by Labour Party leaders, along with proposals from the party "hawks."

The party's central committee may meet in the next few weeks to discuss the proposals, Mr. Zvili told Israeli radio.

Ahmad Tibi, advisor to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, said the group of "doves" were "more sensible than the others and have taken a step further forward than other Labour Party

"They must be taken seriously," Dr. Tibi said. Thousands of Israeli Golan already promised to withdraw from the Heights, planned a mass rally on Saturday to protest Israel's peace offer

to Syria. The demonstrators, among salem should be divided into them members of the Labour separate administrative dis-Party, say the government is

risking Israel's security.

"My concern is that the steps today are creating facts on the ground which endanger everything and facilitate the process of coming down from the Golan Heights in a very short period," said MK Avigdor Kahalane, who leads the lobby in parliament against a withdrawal from the

Other MKs draw maps of what they say are Israel's promises to the Syrians.

"Israel has agreed to withdraw to the cliff line," Ariel Sharon, a former army general and defence minister and a member of the main opposition Likud party, told army radio on Saturday.

The cliff line is the western edge of the plateau parallel to the pre-1967 border between Israel and Syria.

Mr. Sharon says Israel is willing to come down from the plateau altogether following a three-year adjustment period.

But the speculation bears little resemblance to the proposals described by Israeli leaders.

Mr. Rabin made public parts of Israel's offer for the first time this week. He said Israel would pull back slightly in the first stage followed by a

The position was quickly rejected by Syria. Israel has irked Syria by refusing to say publicly how far it would ultimately pull

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Sayeh pays tribute to Jordan ahead of moving to Jerusalem

AMMAN (J.T.) — Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh, a former minister and speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC), Saturday sent ,a message to His Majesty King Hussein expressing deep appreciation of King Hussein's constant concern over the Palestine question and assistance to the Palestinian people.

In the message, which he sent prior to his departure for the occupied territories to take up permanent residence there. Sheikh Sayeh reaffirmed "the strong cohesion between the Jordanian and Palestinian people" and paid tribute to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for his efforts in the respect.

"As I pack to leave on my trip to Jerusalem, I would like to voice my deep appreciation and that of the Palestinian people for Jordan's endeavours in the course of its support for



Abdul Hamid Sayeh the Palestinian cause,"

Sheikh Sayeh said. "As I leave for Palestine. I would like to express deep pride in your stand and voice appreciation of

your noble feelings towards me personally over the years," he said. "I will always remember my experience over the past years in Jordan, a

country that offered safe

haven to all Arabs and all

marked with democracy." Sheikh Sayeh adder

Sheikh Sayeh said that the Crown Prince dedicated his efforts to promoting the editational and scientific development in Jordan and led the way towards achieving the aspired

Sheikh Sayeh said the question of Jerusalem was still pending awaiting a solution, "but I believe that the road to Jerusalem will open and the Palestine issue will be solved in the spirit of Islam.

The Israeli occupation authorities have issued permission for Sheikh Sayeh to return to Jerusalem after a 27-year exile, family sources said. They said Sheikh Sayeh, who is in his mid-80s and suffering from health ailments, was awaiting a green signal from the

(Continued on page 7)

Bilaterals and trilaterals resume tomorrow in Tiberias

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan and Israel will resume their bilateral meetings near Lake Tiberias on the Israeli side on Monday to follow up discussions of water, border, energy, environment, tourism and economic affairs, Dr. Fayez Tarawneh, head of the Jordanian negotiating team, said Saturday.

These and other issues which were already discussed

Dead Sea will be included on the agenda, Dr. Tarawneh said in a statement.

At the Tiberias meeting, Dr. Tarawneh said, the t lateral committee grouping Jordanian, Israeli and American officials will discuss the development of the Jordan Rift Valley which was debated at length by the three sides at a meeting held in

at previous meetings near the Washington on Aug. 31.

The trilateral committee agreed at the Washington meeting to resume discussing the development of the Jordan Rift Vailey at the Tiber-

The Jordanian side to the trilateral committee meeting includes Dr. Munther Haddadin, Dr. Awn Khasawneh, Dr. Hani Al Mulqi and Mr.

Self-rule authority names 'religious affairs minister'

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — The Palestinian self-rule government on Saturday appointed a religious affairs minister who would be in charge of Muslim holy places.

The new minister is Sheikh Hassan Tahboub, 70, a former head of Waqf that runs the Muslim holy sites in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Sheikh Tahboub participated Saturday in the weekly meeting of the self-rule government, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). He said he will be in charge of Muslim holy places and mosques, but that his exact responsiblities still had to be

"We are not seeking a confrontation with the Jordanians," said Sheikh Tahboub. head of the Islamic High Council, a group of clerics and politicians that looks out for Muslim interests in Jerusalem, the West Bank and

The Higher Islamic Council was established after the 1967 Middle East war to supervise Muslim affairs in the territories occupied by Israel. Under the Israeli-Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO) self-rule agreement, Sheikh Tahboub's jurisdic-tion would be limited to Gaza and Jericho. But Palestinian self-rule may expand to the rest of the West Bank before the end of the year if general elections are held.

Sheikh Tahboub, an Islamic leader in Jerusalem, was sworn in by Mr. Arafat during the authority's meeting in Gaza. Intisar Al Wazir, the authority member in charge of social welfare, told repor-He is the 19th member of

vacant. Paris talks frozen Talks on crucial foreign aid to support Palestinian self-rule

broke down Friday in an

the authority, which Palesti-

nians regard as a council of

ministers. Five seats remain

Israeli-Palestinian dispute als? over whether some of the funds could be used in East Jerusalem. The conflict drew an angry

rebuke from the World Bank, sponsor of the talks, which said the aid issue was too important to be "derailed by the two main parties." The bank indicated it would try to resume the

negotiations, but set no date for reconvening the delegations from 26 donor nations. Israel, which insists on Jerusalem remaining as its "undivided capital" has objected to efforts by the PNA to undertake projects in East Jerusalem.

The World Bank, which has been coordinating the aid effort since last year, expressed regret at the breakdown, which it attributed to "the intrusion of bilateral political

The bank's vice president for the Middle East and North Africa, Caio Koch-Wesser, issued an unusually blunt statement voicing deep disappointment the way things have evolved."

"I am sure that all of my donor colleagues who attended the meeting will echo this sentiment." he said. "If we are to move forward on the all important economic agenda, we cannot allow such meetings ... to be derailed by the two main parties bringing their political differences to the table."

A senior Palestinian delegate, Nabil Shaath, said only a few million dollars out of the Palestinians' \$160 million 1994 operating budget was proposed for projects within

The main emphasis was on money for schools and health institutions, including hospitals which serve Palestinians from throughout the West Bank and Gaza, he said. "Had we planned army barracks or a police station or

a state capital, that would be a problem," Dr. Shaath told

a news conference. "But re-

pairing schools and hospit-

Dr. Shaath said Israel's firm stance on Jerusalem prevented the meeting from taking place today. It has blown apart the opportunity to sit with donors and discuss how much funds can be accelerated and help the peace process.'

"I don't want to be alarmist," Dr. Shaath added. "But if the funds do not come...the result will be disastrous for the peace process. We don't want myopia among the donors waiting until a Rwanda situation, or a Somalia situation or a Bosnia situation happens on the Palestinian side.'

Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, interviewed on Israel's Arabic-language television, said the Palestinians, under their self-rule agreement with Israel, were not suppose to raise the issue of Jerusalem until 1996.

"Those who bring to the agenda this sensitive issue now, which is against the agreement, are sabotaging the efforts of first and foremost of the Palestinian authority." he said. 'If Jerusalem gets on the agenda then there is no agenda and no agreement and no donation and this is a very large

DFLP assails PNA Meanwhile opponents of

Palestinian self-rule on Friday charged that the PNA had blocked one of its meetings in the autonomous Gaza

Tayseer Khaled, a politburo member of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), condemned the authority's activities which he said could provoke "internal dissen-

ordered that offices for registering population and vo-

He said Palestinian police September last year, Israel "prevented the Democratic and the Palestine Liberation Front in Gaza from holding its third congress by surrounding the hall where this congress was to take place."

Autonomy elections set for November

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Palestinians will hold their first elections to choose the new autonomy council on Nov. 1, Palestinian officials said Saturday.

"The most important decision we took today was to proceed with elections on Nov. 1," Palestinian Social Affairs Minister Intissar Al Wazir said after the weekly Palestinian National Authority (PNA) meeting here.

The authority has ordered its election committee to start preparations by opening offices in Gaza and the West Bank to register voters and print up ballot papers, offi-

The officials also said they intended to contact donor countries to resolve a dispute with Israel over the funding of projects in Arab East Jerusalem, the subject which led to the failure of a conference in Paris this week. (see separate story)

"We have taken a decision to approve the recommendations of the elections committee to start preparations for elections within a period of no longer than three months," said Yasser Abed Rabbo, an authority member in charge of culture.

Saeb Erekat, another authority member who heads a special committee preparing for elections, said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has

ters be opened immediately. Dr. Erekat said the authority intends to open election offices in all major cities in the West Bank and Gaza including East Jerusalem, Under the peace deal

signed in Washington in

Organisation (PLO) agreed to hold general elections in even though the Vatican de-nied a "holy alliance." (Continued on page 7)

Vatican, liberals both claim victory on abortion row CAIRO (Agencies) - The Vatican and liberal states at the U.N. population conference both claimed victory Saturday after cleaning a hur-

dle on abortion which had blocked progress on a pian to lower world birth rates. The Vatican late Friday gave a guarded welcome to a compromise paragraph on abortion in the 113-page population plan as other de-

legates said a broad consen-

sus had emerged. The Holy See said it had succeeded in excluding abortion as a family planning method, while liberal countries like the United States and the Netherlands said unsafe abortion was now internationally recognised as a se-

rious health problem. Meanwhile Islamic states tried in the main committee to reopen debate on definitions of the family and other previously settled issues. Also a special committee had not ended a dispute on "sexual rights" despite meeting all night.

But the mood was brighter than in previous days when the Vatican was accused of hijacking the conference by forcing the abortion row to dominate the agenda since the forum began Monday. Vatican delegation chief

Renato Raffaele Martino said the Holy See had achieved a "big victory" because abortion had now clearly been excluded as a means of family planning. The Vatican has led a campaign against the action plan.

charging that parts of it condoned abortion, extramarital sex and homosexual-Its opposition was backed by Iran and other Islamic states at the start of the conference. An Iranian delegate said Saturday that Tehran had been in close contact

But Muslim countries went on to agree an earlier com-

ary ahead of the conference.

promise which was rejected by the Holy See, Central American countries and Mal-

The Vatican said although it does not endorse legal abortion 'for moral reasons," it said it "endorses the need to provide quality medical care for the complications arising from abor-

But it said it did not have "complete identification with the text" and "witholds its assent" until debate is complete on the other areas of the action plan where abor-

tion is mentioned. The change was described as a breakthrough by liberal countries.

"We've been able to put (the problem of unsafe abortion) on the table as a major public health concern. Nicolaas Biegman, a delegate from the Netherlands who is a deputy chairman of the conference's main committee, said.

"It's completely new," Mr. Biegman said. An estimated 200,000 women die every year from

unsafe abortions. The abortion row took a new twist Saturday when three American journalists associated with pro-life groups were detained and almost deported from Egypt.

a U.S. congressman said. They faced expulsion after someone at the conference late Friday falsely alleged one of them was linked to the murders of two doctors at abortion clinics in the United States. Congressman Christopher Smith said.

Mr. Smith, a pro-life sup-porter advising the U.S. de-legation to the population forum, said the three were saved from expulsion only after U.S. Ambassador Edward Walker spoke to Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr with the Holy See since Janu-Musa.

> A check with police in the United States had revealed that the accusations were totally false, Mr. Smith

Mr. Musa said the three had been detained due to an error. He did not elaborate but said it was up to U.N.

issue. The incident represents a new and "vicious twist" to the abortion controversy dogging the conference, Mr. Smith said.

security to comment on the

The three got in trouble as a result of "very false and absolutely slanderous comments" which Egyptian police said were made by one or more members of a nongovernment organisation here, he added.

He said police refused to reveal the identity of those denouncing the three journalists whom he identified as Keith Tucci, Sharon Turner and David Haddon.

The three were first held in detention at a U.N. security compound in the conference complex until after midnight Friday and then taken to the international airport where they were kept in a hotel.

tials removed but have now been allowed to return to work by U.N. security, he said. Delegates at the conference were bogged down Saturday over how to define

All three had their creden-

the concept of the family in a plan aimed at limiting world population growth. The delegates in a public session stumbled over two paragraphs in the plan's chapter which deals with "the

family, its roles, composition and structure." Most objections were against paragraph 5.5 in which the words marriage. other unions" were deleted from the phrase "marriage.

other unions and families. Delegates from Latin America and Africa objected to the deletion of the word "marriage" from the text.

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Conference takes up fight against female circumcision

CAIRO (AFP) - The U.N. population conference has taken up the fight against the circumcision, which leaves two million young girls scarred for life each year.

The conference action plan should take urgent measures to end female genital mutilation and set up prevention services for men and women to deter them from carrying on the tradition.

The campaign against female circumcision - the removal of some or most of the external genitalia - was first launched in 1952 before the U.N. Human Rights

Commission. But 40 years on, it has made little progress.
The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates

*- 85 to 115 million women have undergone genital mutilation, principally in There are three types of circumcision. VHO says. The simplest, the conoridec-

tomy, is the removal of the clitoris, while the second, excision, involves the removal of all or part of the lab. minora and part of the labia majora.
The third, called infibula-

Clerides

for talks

NICOSIA (AFP) — Cypriot President Glascos Clerides

said on Saturday he was will-

ing to resume U.N.-led talks

with breakaway Turkish-

Cypriot leaders on solving

the problem of the divided

In a message to U.N.

Secretary General Boutros

Ghali, Mr. Clerides said he

1974 following a coup in

Nicosia supported by the

then military junta in Athens.

Turkish-Cypriot leaders de-

clared a breakaway state in

1983, which is not recognised

A year-long U.N. media-

tion bid collapsed in April

when Mr. Denktash finally

rejected a package of confi-

dence building measures hav-

ing originally agreed in Prin-

Mr. Clerides has said that

he will not reopen talks on

the measures which were sup-

posed to mark the first stages

towards resolving the situa-

The U.N. Security Council

has called on the guaran-

teeing powers Britain.

Greece and Turkey to put

forward new proposals to end

Mr. Clerides cited Ghali's

report to the Security Council

on May 30, which said the

Turkish side "has consistent-

ly flouted the wishes of the

Mr. Clerides said it was

thus "necessary for the

Security Council to be asked

to consider coercive mea-

sures against the side which is

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tion, adds to that the sewing together of the sides of the vulva, leaving only a tiny hole through which urine and menstrual blood can flow.

East African women are the worst affected. In Djibouti and Somalia, where infibulation is the rule, excision is carried out on 98 per

cent of women.
In Eritrea and Ethiopia 90 per cent of women are circumcised - regardless of whether they are Christian. Muslim or Falasha (Jewish).

Likewise in Egypt, half of women are circumcised whatever their religion, disproving common misconceptions that mutilation is confined to any religion in particular.

It is carried out without anesthetic and often by un-qualified people, with rudimentary instruments and no hygiene. Apart from terrible pain, the risks of haemorrhaging and infection are

The operation makes sexual relations very painful and it can play a large part in maternal and infant deaths during childbirth. Because it prolongs labour, it can lead to the baby being suffocated. Action programmes laun-ched by WHO — which for-

hins its medical staff to carry

governmental organisations have had limited effect so far. "A voluntary policy is not enough, and social practices like this can only evolve with education," said Jeanne Dina Nfon Priso, a Cameroun

> "Tradition has to be preserved because it is part of identity. but not traditions like this which run counter to women's health and basic

> rights," she said. Often a rite of passage. circumcision is above all a way of controlling female sexual desire, which it deliberately represses.

A woman who has undergone infibulation is "opened" with a knife or piece of glass the first time her husband has sex with her, so her virginity is guaranteed for him.

For Dr. Nfon Priso, one simple principle lies behind circumcision. "The women is there to give pleasure to the man, but the idea that she too has a right to pleasure re-mains taboo," she says.

The nine-day U.N. International Conference on Population and Development groups delegations from 182 countries and runs until Sept.

'torture.

sessions

CAIRO (R) — A Sudanese exile, who said he nearly died

in a torture chamber in

Sudan, has condemned the

Khartoum government for its human rights record and its absence from a U.N. popula-

This conference addresses

contemporary issues, how

can we join in when our

government has taken us

back to the dark ages?" said

Azza Al. Tigali of the

Sudanese Women's Forum,

an Egypt-based non-gov-

ernmental organisation.
Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq

and Lebanon are boycotting

the U.N. International Con-

ference for Population and

Development in Cairo,

saying the issues for discus-

heavily, described the torture he said he had suffered.

A young man, limping

"I was taken in by six

military men who blindfolded

me and interrogated me for hours. Then they took me

into another room and whip-

ped me. Then I was taken to

yet another room and given electric shocks," said a trembling Zein Al Abedeen.

"I was arrested again.

it a ran and rotated i

They tied my wrists to the

while they whipped me.

Finally, they cut the rope and

let me drop 1.5 metres to the

ground. I fainted," he added.

arrested they told me I would

not live through it. They sat

me in a chair and flicked a

switch. The last thing I felt

was that I was flying. Then I woke up in hospital. The

people of my town com-

plained and were heard by

Amnesty International who

put pressure on the military

to release me. Now I'm

Mr. Abedeen, a member

of the London-based

Sudanese Association for the

Victims of Torture, urged the

conference and non-gov-

ernmental organisations

(NGOs) to intervene in

Sudan. - which has been ruled by a military junta since a

bloodiess coup in 1989, has

been branded a "terrorist"

state by the United States

and human rights groups

have condemned it.

here," Mr. Abedeen said.

"The last time I was

sion were un-Islamic.

tion conference.

Mideastern youth team visits U.S.

WASHINGTON (USIA) — If peace is ever to become a lasting reality in the Middle East, it must be nurtured by the next generation. With this in mind, a group of young Israeli and Arab teenagers came to Washington following two weeks in a Maine summer camp founded to promote the peace and understanding that has eluded adult diplomats for

was ready to hold "intensive The group of more than one hundred Israeli and Arab negotiations" provided the Turkish-Cypriots agree to negotiate a "solution based teenagers is known as "Seeds on a single sovereign and of Peace." Upon their arrival in Washington, they made history as the first Arabs and independent state. Mr. Clerides said he would be prepared to negotiate with Israelis to usher in the Jewish Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf New Year together when Denktash in U.N.-sponsored they attended Rosh Hashana talks on "all the aspects of services Sept. 6 at Washingthe Cyprus problem." ton's Adas Israel Congregation. The following day, the Turkey has occupied the northern third of Cyprus group visited the Islamic Centre/Mosque and particisince it invaded in July

> President Clinton has welcomed the delegation to the United States in a brief ceremony at the White House

pated in a Muslim prayer

The Seeds of Peace Programme, non-profit organisation founded by John Wallach, an author and journalist for the Hearst Newspapers, offers an opportunity for young people to get to know one another outside of the tensions of the Middle East

The president expressed his hope that by the time the young people are his age, "the problems of the Middle East will be a distant memory, and all of you will celebrate the unity and strength, the harmony and prosperity of a region of people working together, just as you have sung together today and come together in the United

"A year ago, almost to the day, we had the signing of the Israeli-PLO accord here. And there were young people from Seeds of Peace here. And when they were here, I saw them and asked that all present dedicate thesmelves

to peace for the next generation. Since then we have seen an agreement between Israel and Jordan," Mr. Clinton

We have seen further peace on the other Middle East fronts — further progress on the other Middle East peace fronts. And we have seen just last week Morocco and Israel take the first step towards establishing diplomatic relations.

"But ahead of all that is the simple magic of the personto-person relationships that you are building, and a future you are building for yourselves.

At a State Department lun-cheon Sept. 8 Vice-President Al Gore welcomed "Seeds of Peace" to Washington and told the group that with the historic peace accords between Israel and her Jordanian and Palestinian neighbours, "further progress towards peace (is) in just on the horizon. And you, the next generation of peace-makers in the Middle East, are essential in assuring that these agreements are implemented successfully, particularly on the human level.

Under-Secretary Peter Tarnoff also praised the young peacemakers for their commitment to coexistence. Agreements on paper are not by themselves sufficient." Tamoff told the delegation.

"Human understanding. mutual confidence and friendship are equally important to build peace and prosperity for your people in your countries. With these friendships you have... de-monstrated to the world that peace can become a reality between Arabs and Israelis,

"Seeds of Peace" was founded in 1993 by Mr. Wallach in Otisfied, Maine, to promote friendship and understanding between Arab and Israeli youth.

Mr. Wallach, Hearst newspapers foreign editor, said he launched the "Seeds of Peace" project following the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York.

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Dr. Yahya Abdul Salam ... Dr. Fakhri Taych Dr. Ahmad Khamis Dr. Salman Al Daboubi ...

Nairoukh pharmacy Al Salam pharmacy Yacoub pharmacy ...

Dr. Ali Al Shoqairi Alguds pharmacy

AMMAN:

Sudanese India sees 'jealous' rival exile behind Somalia attacks describes been working smoothly but

LEGHARI IN IRAN: Pakistani President. inspects a guard of honour upon his arrival in Farouq Ahmad Leghari (right), accompanied Tehran on Saturday on a three-day visit aimed by Iranian President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, at improving bilateral relations (AFP photo)

NEW DELHI (R) — India's army chief said on Saturday his country's peacekeeping contingent in Somalia may have been attacked at the behest of an unidentified jealous rival which did not want the soldiers to do well. General Bipin Chandra

Joshi told state-owned Doordarshan Television that the performance of the 5,400 Indians serving with U.N. peacekeeping forces in Somalia had been widely praised.

"Our success had caused ealousies," Gen. Joshi said. We believe those who were iealous of our performance of attacking us directly or get-ting snipers to do the job." He said the intention of the

rival, whom he did not identify, was to provoke Indian troops into retaliating. "They wanted us to do something rash to put us into difficul-

Gen. Joshi's remarks came a week after Indian newspapers quoted unidentified officials as saying they suspected Pakistan's involvement in two attacks last month, in which seven troops and three army doctors were killed. Till now Indian and

generated suspicions... that some elements are trying to discourage the Indians," the Times of India said on Sept. "While no one is willing to go on record there are dark

the recent incidents have

hints about a possible Pakistani connection to the events," it said. Indian officials say intial reports that Somalia warlord

General Farah Aideed was involved in the attacks on the Indians were probably "One of the reasons why Indians were considered by

the U.N. secretary general for the role was that Aideed was considered to be friendly towards Indians," former top diplomat Jyotindra Nath Dixtold Doordarshan. U.N. Secretary-General

Boutros Ghali on Friday praised India's peacekeeping performance, saying he wanted them to go to Rwanda next.

Suspected Somali guerril-las killed several Pakistani troops at the start of their U.N. mission there. The Pakistanis retaliated, causing Pakistani contingents have several Somali casualties.

FIS leaders demand voice for 'armed' wing

ALGIERS (AFP) - Jailed comments posed to the leaders of the banned Islamic education sector. led for their "armed wing" to be allowed to take part on an equal footing in any dialogue with the Algerian authorities.

The call came in a letter addressed to President Liamine Zeroual and other parties taking part in the dialogue between the government and opposition groups which opened on Aug. 21 and which is due to reopen on

The letter, dated Tuesday and seen by AFP, was signed by FIS President Abassi Madani and four colleagues currently held in the military prison at Blida: Noureddine Chigara, Abdul Kader Omar, Kamal Guemmazi and Ali

Blehadi. ' Their demand came as Mr. Zeroual spoke of the "threats made by the terrorists to disturb the start of the school and university term," on

Saturday. Speaking at a cabinet meeting, and without actually naming the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which made the threats, Mr. Zeroual underlined the problems such

He hit out at the "destructive" acts of "blind terrorism" which he said aimed at depriving the country's youth of the right to knowledge and blighting the future hopes of an entire people.

Security forces have gone on alert in anticipation of possible attacks on school and college buildings when the academic year starts since the GIA said last week it would attack schools unlesswomen teachers and girls who have reached puberty wore the veil.

The group also demanded the abolition of mixed classes as well as a ban on the teaching of music and physical education for girls.

The five signatories to the FIS letter said they refused to enter talks with the government while in prison and said they would only envisage contacts with the authorities when they were "completely" free to meet with the various wings of the organisation at home and abroad, as well as leaders "imprisoned or interned in camps."

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. seeks Israeli experts in invasion

TEL AVIV (AP) — The United States has asked Israel, in TEL AVIV (AP) — The United States has asked Israel in the event of a possible U.S. invasion of Hairi, to send policy advisers to help restore order, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Saturday. President Clinton and Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have discussed the matter by Israel radio said. Israel's paramilitary by Israel radio said. Minister Yuzhak Raum nave discussed the matter by telephone, Israel radio said. Israel's paramilitary border police has played a key role in fighting the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Special border police units have been trained in riot control. However, Mr. Peres said that, if the need to control to control to the need to control to control to the need to control to control to the need to control to cont riot control. However, Mr. reres sam man, it the need arose, only a small number of advisers would be sent, and that Israeli troops would not be patrolling the streets of Haiti. "Let's say the regime will fall and the Haitian police. haiti. "Let's say use regular values and a reasonable police needs professional advice, or let's say after a confrontation needs professional advisor, or the advisor and the containing there would be a need to restore order, in these cases we were asked to give police advice," Mr. Peres told Israel Army radio. In a buildup of military forces preparing for a possible invasion of Haiti, the Pentagon announced in Washington Friday that troops from one of its premier light infantry divisions would begin "training operations" in the Caribbean. (See page 4)

Turkey expands visa requirements

ANKARA (R) — Turkey said on Saturday it was moving ahead with plans to impose visa requirements on citizens of countries that demand similar documents from visiting Turks. The Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a written statement that the new visa regime was based on the "principle of mutuality" and dismissed domestic criticism that it would undercut Turkey's vital tourist industry. "After continuing work and evaluation by our ministry it was decided to issue compulsory visas to citizens of these countries," it said. The statement did not set a deadline. nor did it list the countries in question. Seeking to quiet critics, it said visits by tourists already required to obtain visas were on the rise, in contrast to a drop in visitors from countries now exempt. It suggested tourist visas would be available at border crossings and airports. The announcement, which had been expected, comes two days after Ankara said it was restricting access into Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq from Turkish soil. Ruffled by human rights reports from foreign delegations crossing into north Iraq, Turkey said on Thursday it was clamping down on the border crossing at Habur.

Turkish foreign minister visits Baku

ANKARA (AP) — Wary of Russian involvement in nearby conflicts, Turkey's foreign minister flew to Baku on Saturday to urge those involved in the war over Nagomo-Karabakh to seek further help in reaching peace. Foreign Minister Mumtaz Soysal said the two warring republics -Azerbaijan and Armenia — should pursue a peaceful solution to their dispute through the conference on security and cooperation in Europe. Mr. Soysal expressed Turkey's uneasiness over Russia's active efforts to end the war. Turkey fears Russian troops will be deployed in Azerbaijan to observe peace. "The international efforts are more important rather than the efforts of one country in the peace process," Mr. Soysal told reporters. His two-day visit came after the presidents of Azerbaijan and Armenia met Friday in Moscow in a bid to end the war.

Arab youths protest after car thief shot dead

PAU, France (R) - Arab youths protested overnight in the southwestern city of Pau, injuring a policeman and damaging or destroying cars, after one of their comrades was killed while allegedly trying to steal a car, police said on Saturday. The youths, many of them hooded and wielding baseball bats and machetes, threw paving stones and shouted "murderers" and "racists" at riot police in a rundown suburb of Pau where the trouble broke out, police said. A spokesman said the clashes followed the death of Azzouz Riad, a 24-year-old of Moroccan origin. A retired French soldier allegedly surprised Riad breaking into his car and shot him dead. Officials said police had arrested the

Rabin exchanges messages with Cypriot president

NICOSIA (AFP) — Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Cypriot President Glascos Clerides exchanged messages on the Middle East peace process and Cyprus issues, the Cypriot agency: (CNA) said Friday. In his message, Mr. Rabin brier Mr. Clerides on recent developments between Israel and its Arab neighbours. Mr. Clerides in turn expressed his country's "support" for Israeli-Arab peace negotiations, and informed Mr. Rabin of current dealings to resolve the Cyprus problem. Israeli-Cypriot relations have been boosted by the opening of a Cypriot embassy in Tel Aviv and reciprocal visits by Mr. Clerides and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in July. Mr. Peres said during his visit that Cyprus had a "central" role to play in Middle East peace because of its good relations also with Arab countries, notably Syria.

Rebels kill 7 in village raid in Turkey

ANKARA (R) - Kurdish rebels killed seven civilians in an overnight raid on Ulukale village in southeast Turkey, Anatolia news agency reported on Saturday. A group of Kurdish Labour's Party (PKK) guerrillas raided Ulukale, in Tunceli province, on Friday night, killing seven villagers and wounding two, the semi-official agency said. Anatolia said the rebels set fire to houses in the village before fleeing. It quoted officials as saying operations were underway to capture the attackers. The report could not be independently confirmed. The interior minister said last week that security forces killed more than 400 rebel Kurds in the month of August. More than 12,800 rebels, civilians and government soldiers have been killed in Turkey since the PKK launched its violent campaign for a separate Turkish state in the southeast in 1984.

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His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday condoles Salim Salihi, father of Layla Salihi who was killed in a tragic shooting Thursday

Regent condoles family of shooting victim

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday visited Al Salihi family to offer his condolences over the death of their daughter, Layla Salihi, who was killed by a stray bullet during a tribal clash in Naour

Prince Hassan said he was conveying the sympathy of His Majesty King Hussein to the bereaved family and expressed deep regret over the tragic incident.

The parents and relatives of the victim, a bank employee in her mid-20s, expressed their gratitude to Prince Hassan and the Royal Family for their concern and

sympathy. Layla was among five people killed when a wedding procession was attacked by gunfire in an apparent act of vengeance, according to

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The clash occurred as a wedding party drove along the Um Al Ammad-Khadra Road Thursday evening, and a minibus in the procession was shot at by gunmen in two pickup trucks parked on the side of the road, according to a wedding party member.

The two families involved in the shoot-out were the Hajars (the wedding party) and the Hussnis, both of the large Ajarmeh tribe from Naour, police said.

Layla Salihi was sitting on her farm at the time of the incident and fell victim to a stray bullet during the crossfire, according to police re-

Mr. Salihi told Jordan Television Saturday that his daughter was an exemplary young woman in her concern and care for her family, friends and colleagues.

Layla was on the staff of the Housing Bank.

Princess Basma calls for shared responsibility in protecting and preserving the environment

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A safe and clean environment should be the priority of both the government and the public sectors, said participants to the "Family and Environment" workshop held here

"The environment issue should be a responsibility shared between individuals and government sectors," Her Royal Highness Princess Basma said, addressing participants at the Inter.Continental Hotel, who are attending the two-day workshop organised by the Centennial Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS).

"The government alone cannot provide all the necessary sources and the public should also be responsible for preserving natural resources," added Princess Basma who is the honorary president of the YWCA.

The Princess said that she considers this workshop the first step towards a mechanism of continuous cooperation between the public and government sectors to form a future plan of

She added that the environment issue has created

a significant challenge worldwide, encouraging countries to unite their efforts to preserve the planet from major environmental problems.

Abdullah Khatib, president of GUVS, also addressed the participants saying that environmental pollution has forced itself all over the world, "and forced human beings to seek alternative solutions quickly.

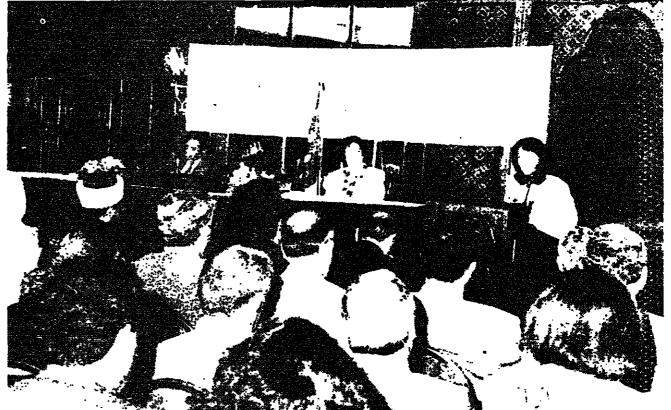
"I am not going to be optimistic about this subject because every hour of our lives we are destroying elements of the environment," Dr. Khatib said.

Moreover, Dr. Khatib pointed to the importance of creating a balance between life elements and social development.

He said that one of the most important factors in preserving natural resources was increasing the awareness of the future generations.

"We need to start by teaching our children ways to keep the atmosphere clean, then we should look into implementing legisla-tion and laws," he said.

YWCA President Layal Najar said this workshop is part of the association's goals which call for sharing love and providing services from women to women and improving their education and standard of living.
"The Centennial Com-



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Saturday addres ses a workshop on 'Family and Environment' at the Inter-Continental Hotel (Petra photo)

mittee wanted to tackle the environment issue for its importance and to emphasise the important role women play in preserving natural resources," Mrs. Najar said.

At the end of the event, she said, the participants

will present recommendations to be implemented in future projects of the YWCA.

Saturday, participants tackled two issues, one regarding environmental legislation and its role in protecting the environment,

and the second lecture discussed health and environmental behaviour.

Today, three lectures will convene before the workshop concludes with recommendations. The topics will

the environment, the role of the voluntary and nongovernmental women's organisations in environ mental activity, religiou and the environment, and finally a workshop will be held on special projects.

Visiting Canadian team explores investment scopes

AMMAN (J.T.) — The head of a visiting Canadian business delegation, Salim Al Hirsh, Saturday said Canadian businesspersons of Arab origin were willing to launch joint investment projects with the Jordanian business

Speaking at a meeting with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Mr. Hirsh said that the Canadian business community was ready to advance understanding and cooperation with Jordan.

At the meeting, where Chairman of the Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) Hamdi Tabbaa was also present as host of the Canadian team, Mr. Hirsh said his colleagues support the Hashemite leadership's wise policies and Jordan's drive to achieve a just and durable peace in the Middle

Dr. Majali outlined the Jordanian government's drive to to reduce the burden of foreign debts through rescheduling and through encouraging investments in major projects that can create jobs and help the country produce and export more

Dr. Majali said the government plans to develop laws aimed at providing more incentives for investors.

Referring to the peace process, Dr. Majali said that the country hopes peace would bring more cooperation in economic and investment fields among the nations of the region.

Noting that Jordan was in need of foreign investment. the prime minister said that the Kingdom was facing economic burdens as a result of the prevailing circumstances in the region over the past decades, and so it hopes that Jordanian expatriates would extend a helping hand to the homeland.

On relations with Arab states, Dr. Majali said that Amman was keeping open all channels of dialogue and coordination with other Arab parties because the Kingdom

was intent on maintaining strong ties with all its Arab neighbours and hopes that temporary misunderstandings would soon vanish.

Earlier the Canadian team met Industry and Trade Minister Rima Khalaf who said that Jordan expects that the new peace era would attract more investments in tourism and other areas. Dr. Minister's hope that Canadian businesspersons would study areas for investment including the industrial sec-

The minister outlined the Jordanian laws and legislation regarding foreign investors and the exemptions offered them in economic

The Canadian team was also met by Mohammad Smadi, the secretary general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, who said the ministry was revising the existing legislation to make investment to Jordan more lucrative and

'Government considers participating in U.S.-sponsored tourism conference'

By Khattab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan is considering participating in a Middle East tourism conference to be held later this month in Cairo with the participation of 18 tour operators and government officials, according to Ministry of Tourism

Taghreed Hijawi of the Press Department at the Ministry of Tourism told the Jordan Times Saturday that an invitation was received from the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) to attend a regional tourism conference in Cairo later this month and an international tourism conference to be held in Portugal in November, but whether to attend or not is

Mohammad Abu Summagah, also from the Ministry of Tourism, said that if Jordan is to participate in the forthcoming Cairo conference, public and private sector representatives will take part in the regional event.

still being considered.

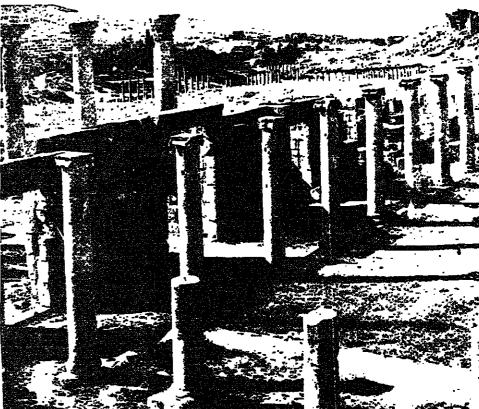
The conference comes upon the invitation of the U.S. State Department. ASTA, and the United States-Tour Operators Association (USTOA), to participate in an unprecedented regional work-shop entitled "Tourism in the New Middle East" in Cairo on Sept. 28 and 29.

The workshop will include 12 U.S. tour operators who will instruct the regional participants on how regional tourism can be initiated as well as marketed in the United States. Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel. Jordan, Kuwait. Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine. Qatar, Saudi Arabia. Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, and Yemen tour operators and government officials are invited to take part in the two-day event.

"By working with distinguished groups of experts, the participating private sector representatives and tourism officials from the Middle East not only can achieve a stronger and better coordinated regional tourism economy, they can actually help foster stronger peace in the region." President of ASTA Earlene Causey said in an ASTA press release.

One of the areas where there is common agree-

ment between Jordan and Israel in the field of tourism is joint promotion of the touristic attractions in both countries through ASTA. According to press statements given by Tourism Minister Mohammad Adwan, and his Israeli counterpart Uzi Bar Am after their meeting during talks held between Jordanian and Israeli negotiators at the Israeli Moriah Hotel



The entrance leading to Theodorus Church in the ancient city of Jerash (File

Mr. Bar Am had said during the talks that Israel has agreed to help promote Jordan through tourism packages arranged by ASTA on the American market where Israel enjoys a great influence.

Israel received an influx of 2.4 million tourists in 1993 spending more than \$2.5 billion. Jordan is trying to attract a greater number of tourists. Israel and Jordan had agreed during the Dead Sea talks to promote Jordan through an extension package for American tourists coming to Israel. The Kingdom opened a

third country nationals in order to facilitate the cros sing of tourists from Jordan to Israel and vice versa.

More than 4400 fourists have used the Aqaba-Eilat crossing since it was opened two months ago, according to a Ministry of

Music educators highlight value of their field to children

By Angham Tamimi pecial to the Jordan Times

MMAN — Children's sings play an important rile in the development of achild's mentality and abilijes, says Ilham Su'oud, the first teacher of musical elucation in Syria.

Speaking at a symposium during the First Jordanian Fistival of Children's Song at the Royal Cultural Centre, Mrs. Su'oud and two oher pioneer Arab musicans talked about their long experience in this field and presented several suggestions to improve Arab

children's song. Mrs. Su'oud and Ratiba Hifni, the art consultant of the Cairo Opera House, caught the audience's attention by interspersing two or three minute recordings of children's songs during their lectures to clarify their theories and opinions.

Quoting great international writers, philosophers and thinkers such as Shakespeare, Martin Luther King, Confucius and Ali Kamal, Mrs. Hafni and renowned Iraqi musician Munir Bashir, who is the secretary general of the Arab Academy of Music of the Arab League, sought to prove music's value to hu-

"It is no exaggeration to say that the future of a child's personality depends

a great deal on his/her musical education, said Mrs. Hafni.

She, contends that if talking is an important means of self-expression,, then singing is the most essential because talking is accompanied by music.

Referring to the children's games which involve Mrs. Su'oud and Mrs. Hafni agreed that such games are an effective way of self-expression, especially when played in groups. Children learn how to respect rules and work

efficiently.
In addition, games develop harmonious sensitivity, they said.
"Scientists of education and philosophy believe that

singing influences human beings," said Mrs. Hafni. "Songs having clear har-mony make children understand the aesthetic aspects of life, and help avoid what is ugly and odd," Mrs. Haf-

The two women also agreed that musical education must be linked to other school curricula because it is as important as mathematics or geography.
In discussing different forms of group singing, Mrs. Hafni said that chorals teach children how to concentrate and to discover beauty. She believes that choral singing is the most influential type of singing since it leads to social

Canon singing, where two or more groups sing the same song in an overlapping succession, is another choral form, said Mrs. Hafni, who demonstrated the form with Mrs. Su'oud by singing scales. Mrs. Hafni asked the audience to join in to prove her point of the impressiveness of canon singing.

As children need songs as much as they do food, said Mrs. Hafni, then as a child grows, his/her songs begin to differ regarding harmony, musical instru-ments, language and ideas.

The three lecturers believe that the developed countries pay significant attention to musical education, with often government-sponsored

radio and publications. The lecturers suggested following suit by using Arab heritage and its rich reservoir for ideas and talented teachers to create a multi-faceted resource of Arab children's music, making use of modern musical education, and issuing a specialised related

magazine.
The Jordanian Festival of Children's Song concluded Saturday with Her Royal Highness Prince Zein distributing awards to the par-

WHAT'S GOING ON

☆ Chinese film entitled "The Red Corn" (with subtitles in English) at the Royal Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m. ☆ Film entitled "Five Came Back" at the American Center at 5:00 p.m. (93 minutes).

PLAY

Children's play in Arabic entitled "The Festival" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 10:00 a.m.

EXHIBITIONS

* Exhibition of paintings by Yousef Al Baddawi at the Royal Cultural Centre.

⇒ Exhibition of Chinese paintings and handicrafts at the

Royal Cultural Centre. ☆ Exhibition of oil paintings by Iraqi artists Sa'd Al Ta'i, Talal Issa and Mahdi Al Assadi at Al 'Ain Art Gallery

☆ "The Diness Exhibit" — beginnings of photography in Jerusalem and the Holy Land at the American Center exhibition hall, Abdoun.

★ Exhibition entitled "Time-2 Space 1" by Samia Zarou at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent"

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Public health workers to benefit from new allowances — minister

border crossing point for

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Health Ministry is preparing a new allowance and incentives programme for all public health workers including doctors and nurses, according to Health Minister Aref Batayneh.

Dr. Batayneh told the Jordan Times Saturday that starting next year health workers will receive allowances in line with an incentives system started in 1992 as well as improved professional allowances.

Allocations for these new benefits, he said, will be made in the 1995 budget. Asked whether Health Ministry doctors receive salaries equivalent to those of physicians at the Jordan University Hospital as demanded by the Jordan Medical Association (JMA), Dr. Batayneh said

doctors at the university



Aref Batayneh

hospital receive basic salaries for their regular services at the hospital plus a salary for training medical stu-

According to the minister, government hospital doctors receive higher pay than their peers at the university hospital who are not on the teaching staff.
Around 2,000 doctors at Ministry of Health hosp-

hour sit-in to demand salar ies on par with those o their colleagues in othe medical sectors of the country.

Dr. Batayneh said tha under the new system

technical facilities at hos pitals will improve, giving doctors and other health workers additional incentives to carry out their re spective tasks. The new allowance prog ramme will be announced it about two weeks, he said

JMA President Ishac Maraga took up the doc tors' grievances to the gov ernment and recently dis cussed the issue with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Ma jali, who, according to Health Ministry sources responded to the JMA and the doctors demands.

Dr. Maraqa said the JMA appreciated the gov ernment's ravourable re sponse to the demands o the public health sector.

RA jailbreak attempt casts loud over N. Ireland ceasefire

NDON (R) - A group of its members are still prepared bid. Officials at Prime Minisn IRA prisoners including a an jailed for plotting to w up the British governint tried to shoot their way t of jail overnight, casting a idow of doubt over a 10y-old guerrilla ceasefire. A prison guard was shot

-1 wounded as the group of e IRA men and another nate with no guerrilla links sed the bold but abortive ~ak-out attempt from an glish maximum-security , the Prison Service said

Iwo of the escape team de it past prison guards I were on the run for two urs before being recaped late Friday.

The attempted jailbreak, ning so soon after the Irish publican Army (IRA) jounced it was "completeiaying down its arms, was and to undermine faith in : ceasefire and brought imdiate condemnation from rthern Irish Protestants eading Protestant union-politician Ken Maginnis the attempted escape s a clear breach of the IRA ce and showed the group J yet to abandon violence its battle to unite the tish-ruled province with Irish Republic. This incident is a stark

ninder that amidst the phoria... the IRA remains active, scheming and igerous organisation and

to use weapons and explosives to achieve their ends." he told British radio.

"Last night prison officers and police could have been killed by this organisation in this very well-planned opera-tion," said Mr. Maginnis, whose Ulster Unionist Party supports continued British authority over the province.

It was not clear whether the prisoners were acting on their own initiative or on orders from the IRA's high command. Prison officials said the inmates did not appear to have any getaway car or help on hand outside the high-security Whitemoor Jail in Cambridgeshire, north of London.

Even if the escape attempt was a maverick bid for freedom, it is likely to make Britain even more wary about accepting the ceasefire as the complete end to violence needed to open the door to peace talks with the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein.

Although Dublin is convinced of the IRA's sincerity, London insists there can be no doubt about the permanence of the ceasefire before Sinn Fein can be brought in from the cold under an Anglo-Irish formula offering political talks in return for an end to IRA violence.

Sinn Fein had no immediate comment on the escape ter John Major's office and the Northern Ireland office, the ministry in charge of the province, were not immediately available for com-

The would-be escapees included Peter Sherry, who is serving a life sentence for conspiring in a 1984 bombing that came close to killing members of Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government at a conference in the resort town of Brighton. Five people died in the

A row involving a co-conspirator in the Brighton bombing, Patrick Magee, clouded the first day of the ceasefire when he was in-cluded in a group of IRA prisoners transferred to jail in Northern Ireland. A redfaced Britain insisted the transfer had been planned for months and was not an early reward for the IRA.

The Prison Service said "one or more firearms" were used in Friday's escape bid, which recalled another jailbreak three years ago in which two IRA suspects forced their way out of a South London prison with a gun smuggled in a training

Prison guards pursued the group under fire and one officer was treated in hospital for superficial gunshot Four of the men were

caught at the prison fence and the two who managed to escape from the compound were found hiding in a ditch two hours later within one mile of the jail. The non-IRA inmate,

Andrew Russell, was in jail for crimes including armed robbery and attempted prison escape. Meanwhile, Northern Irish police Saturday defused a

home-made bomb planted outside the home of a member of Sinn Fein, police said. The neighbourhood was closed off for more than an bour while army and police

bomb disposal experts de-

fused the small device. By midday, nobody had claimed responsibility for planting the bomb outside the house near Londonderry, west of Belfast.

Protestant extremists have refused to respond to the announcement on Sept. 1 by the IRA of a ceasefire and within hours of the ceasefire starting last week the hardline loyalist Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) claimed responsibility for the killing of a Catholic man in North Bel-

Two days later, the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF), another loyalist paramilitary group, claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack on Sinn Fein offices.



police stand against a barbed wire feace Saturday as adesh's opposition groups enforce a slege of the capital

More than 200 hurt in **Dhaka street battles**

DHAKA (R) — Police used tear gas and rubber bullets against crowds hurling bombs and rocks in the Bangladesh capital Dhaka Saturday, leaving more than 200 people injured, witnesses said.

They said police arrested at least 100 people as opposition parties launched a major anti-government protest. Some witnesses put the number of protesters at more than

Fighting erupted only 500 metres from the main government secretariat after police drove back protesters trying to storm barbed-wire barri-

Police chased them down the streets and through a park but soon retreated under a hail of stones, one witness said. The protesters later pulled down the park's boundary wall used the bricks to put up their own road

As more protesters tried to reach the secretariat unidentified gunmen fired at them near Dhaka University, witnesses said.

One witness said police fired rubber bullets at several points in the city and activists used home-made bombs.

Protesters were trying to oush through police barricades to hold rallies and sitins at government buildings as part of what they call a 'siege" of Dhaka to back demands for the government to step down.

The Home (Interior) Ministry said nearly 10,000 police and paramilitary soldiers had been deployed.

The main opposition Awami League, supported by the militant Jatiya Party, has called the "siege," over de-mands for the government to resign and call early general

The opposition says early polls should be supervised by a neutral caretaker govern-ment to ensure free and fair

Awami chief Sheikh Hasina described the police action as "not only undemocratic but totally autocratic."

"They used bullets against our democratic movement and now we will have to think for alternative," Mrs. Hasina told a reporter.

"The success of today's siege has proved mass support for our movement and we will follow it up," she Witnesses said more than

200 people were injured, including senior Awami leader Mohammad Nasim who was hit on the head by a stone or Reporters said a small

group of about 20 women stormed through a police barrier and began a sit-in just outside the secretariat, cheered by onlookers.

Paramilitary forces manned strategic points in the city or patrolled in trucks mounting machineguns.

A strike by transport workers stopped people entering or leaving the capital and a general strike has been called for Sunday. Transport within the city limits was partial-

Invasion of Haiti could come as early

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Preparations are under way for a U.N.-authorised, U.S.led invasion of Haiti as early as Sept. 21, a senior U.S. military official said.

as Sept. 21

The official, who asked to remain anonymous, said plans were being made for an invasion between Sept. 21 and the end of November. As many as 20,000 troops could participate, including women pilots aboard an aircraft car-

The troops could remain for one year or longer in the U.N. mission, which would be aimed at ousting Haiti's military leadership and restoring exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the official said.

Mr. Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, was ousted in an army coup Sept. 30, 1991.

The invasion plan calls for special U.S. army and Marine units to seize strategic points in Haiti, followed by army paratroopers and then an army light division.

At the same time, in an effort to make an invasion unnecessary U.S. military aircraft plan to drop leaflets this weekend calling for military leaders to step aside, another Pentagon source said.

The Pentagon said meanwhile that two warships were being readied as part of the U.S. fleet that would act in a Haiti mission, including the aircraft carrier Eisenhower and the Mount Whitney, which would serve as a command and control ship for multinational forces.

President Bill Clinton telephoned Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Argentine President Carlos Menem Thursday to discuss the Haiti crisis, the White House said.

Presidential spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers, who accom-panied Mr. Clinton to New Orleans, said that Israel and Argentina could be "contributing at some point in some way to a multinational effort" aimed at restoring democracy

in Haiti. Mr. Clinton has already spoken with other world leaders about the crisis, she

said. Israel announced last month it would not provide troops to any international intervention in Haiti, but would provide humanitarian

the former Soviet Central

The Islamic opposition lost a civil war in 1992 to former

Communists led by parlia-

Asian republic's territory.

N. Zealanders to see edited version of naked prince

ÁUCKLAND (AFP) — New Zealanders will get to see the naked Prince Charles Sunday, although certain crucial details will be edited out. The naked photograph of the Prince of Wales, snapped while he was on holiday in southern France, has been seen as too hot by the British tabloids but will grace the cover of the tabloid Sunday News, owned by Independent News, in turn 50 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Limited. Editor Suzanne Chetwin said she had no qualms about showing the photograph, which has already appeared in the German magazine Bild Zeitung and France's Paris Match. fact of the matter is we didn't invade his privacy, somebody else did and that has become a major news event," she said. However, the original photograph of the prince wearing nothing but a robe over his shoulder would be altered in Sunday's edition, so he would not bee seen in all his glory, Ms. Chetwin said. She would not say how much she paid for the picture, which is of decidedly fuzzy quality, but said it was "much cheap-er than what you think."

Taiwanese woman gets 2 days in jail, fine for bigamy

SINGAPORE (AFP) — A Taiwanese woman has been fined for bigamy and jailed for two days, press reports said Saturday. Lee Yueh-Shu, 27, was fined a total of 6,500 Singapore dollars (\$4,350) and jailed for one day on each of two charges to which she pleaded guilty. She was fined 5,000 Singapore dollars and jailed for a day for making a false statement that she was single and fined 1,500 Singapore dollars and jailed for a day on the other charge of marrying a second time when her first marriage was still valid. People jailed for one day stay in the court lock up and are released in the evening. They are not sent to prison. In mitigation Ms. Lee told the court that she has separated from her first husband who she mar-ried in 1989. They had no children. Ms. Lee said they were separated and divorced on March 28 this year. She told the court that in 1991 she married the second time but declared berself single since she thought that her separafor three years was considered a divorce.

Filipino actor arrested for 4th time on drugs

MANILA (R) — A Filipino film actor has been arrested for the fourth time on drugs charges, police said Saturday. Ace Vergel, who takes tough guy roles, was arrested Fri-day evening with 800 grams (28 oz) of marijuana and three grams of cocaine. narcotics command Chief Ramsey Ocampo told reporters. Vergel will be charged with violating drug trafficking laws and could face the death penalty if convicted, Chief Ocampo added. The actor was arrested on drugs charges once each year from 1991-1993 but all the charges were dismissed for lack of evi-

Ecuadoran elite rocked by scandal

QUITO (AFP) — President

Sixto Duran-Ballen's grancdaughter will sue lawmakes for slander for charging that she pulled strings to secure at \$830,000 government loar, her lawyer said Friday. Jose Guerrero, who represent Enma Paredes Duran-Ballen, said she had requested the loan from the National Financial Corporation as 'just another citizen" wel within her rights. Ms. Paredes Duran-Ballen also s the niece of Foreign Minister Diego Paredes. Lawmakers including Xavier Neira of the main opposition Social Christian Party have accused her of using her family ties to gain access to the funds, officially meant for use in upgrading a candy factory. But Quito Judge Bolivar Penafiel found that funds were not likely used for the candy business as agreed. Members of Congress say Ms. Paredes Duran-Ballen used the funds to keep afloat the illegal operations of a financial front company allegedly owned by her in-laws, and that she used inner-circle access to get her husband Fabian Anda his job in Houston, Texas, as a representative of Ecuador's state oil company.

lues few as U.S. crash probe enters 2nd day baffled as to why the plane left about 23 seconds before

QUIPPA, Pa (R) — Eviæ gathered from the first investigation into the n of USAir Flight 427 has led few clues as to why plane plunged into a ne, killing 132.

vestigators planned a and day Saturday of comthrough the wreckage of Boeing 737-300, which splattered across a hilly, ided area about seven s (11 km) northwest of

iburgh. lational Transportation Ity Board (NTSB) investiir Carl Vogt told a news zerence late Friday the round probe of the crash dd "undoubtedly take a lber of days."

sit so far, information the airplane's "black flight recorders, wreckengines and other eviæ has left investigators

Identification of victims was also expected to take several days, and some may never be identified.

USAir Chairman Seth Schofield said families of some of the victims had travelled from out of town to Philadelphia, but their arrival was probably premature in terms of being able to claim the bodies.

The crash Thursday even-ing of USAir Flight 427, en route from Chicago to West Palm Beach, Florida, killed all 132 people on board. It crashed as it was coming in to land at Pittsburgh International Airport.

The doomed airplane's flight data recorder indicated the plane deviated from its flight programme and rolled

it crashed, Mr. Vogt said. He said the plane appeared to be at about 6,000 feet when it

Witnesses told investigators the plane entered an almost vertical nosedive before slamming into the ground, he said.

Mr. Vogt said rotor blades of the plane's two engines indicated the engines were turning at the time of impact. and both engines appeared to have been running at the same speed when the roll

began.

He said witnesses interviewed saw nothing that fell from the aircraft, no fires and no smoke before it crashed. Investigators were also following up a suggestion of possible "bird activity" in the area, he said.

A transcript released by NTSB of a conversation between the flight crew and air traffic controllers revealed no signs of problems before the chilling final recorded words of pilot Peter Germano.

Boeing 737-300 crashed and all 132 passengers aboard died

"Traffic emergency... oh shit, ahhh...," Germano said, according to the transcript, which had not yet been formally certified as the investigators' final version. "The actual words that

they said don't tell us very much about what happened," Mr. Vogt said.

Pittsburgh, meanwhile, mourned the crash victims, many of whom were reported to have lived in the area. Although USAir has not released a complete list of victims, local television station KDKA reported 70 came from Pennsylvania.

Tajik authorities deny losses to rebels

DUSHANBE (R) — Tajikistan's Defence Ministry said Saturday that its forces had used helicopters and heavy artillery against rebels in the mountainous Gorno-Badakhshan region, inflicting heavy casualties on the insur-

A statement issued by the ministry said that the situation in the region had deteriorated recently, but dis-missed some media reports about heavy losses and defeats of the government troops in the region. "The rumours about suc-

about large numbers of those killed and wounded among the Defence Ministry servicemen are groundless," said the statement. "Fighting takes place but

the situation is under control

cesses of the militants... and that the government troops had lost about 130 people killed over the last few days. Interfax News Agency said the rebels had captured the town of Tavil-Darya and controlled about 15 per cent of

of the government troops."

The statement said that the rebels have "suffered heavy losses" when the government helicopters and artillery attacked their bases in Gorno-Badakhshan.

Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency said Saturday, quoting well-informed sources,

ment Chairman Imamali Rakhmonov, who is acting head of state. But the rebels have kept up cross-border guerrilla attacks from Afgha-nistan. •

lalaysia steps up bid to crush Al Arqam

ALA LUMPUR (AFP) n a stepped up nationbid to cripple a banned nic sect, Malaysian police rday, raided two more ments run by the Al un, whose leader has detained under a state ity law.

imilar action will be n until all 44 Al Arqam nunes in the country are red," said Zainal Abidin r, director-general of the ernment-run National nic Centre.

Argam followers were red to tear down their and posters of sect leadshaari Mohammad durhe almost four-hour raid ngei Pencala and Taman Ismail communes in the bs of Kuala Lumpur. one was arrested. e two settlements serve group's nerve and com-

cation centres. out 100 police in four s moved into Sungei ala early Saturday and d computers, high-tech ment for video record-. and printing work and technical parapherna-

was the second operation st communes run by the rqam, since it was banned on Aug. 27 for spreading what the clergy considers deviationist Islamic teachings. A bus, a truck and at least

half a dozen vehicles bearing the Al Argam logo were seized. Merchandise bearing the sect logo was also taken away and members were ordered to remove collar-pins that bore Mr. Ashaari's portrait and the logo of the sect. In Taman Tun Ismail.

police took away hi-tech communication equipment and bundles of printed religious documents. On Friday, in a two-hour

pre-dawn said, police and religious officials rounded up 139 members, including 89 children, at the Taman New Zealand Paroi commune in southwestern Negeri Sembilan state. Eighteen were charged while others were released after being interro-

"Today's raids were conducted by the Bukit Aman (Federal Police) Headquarters. I have been asked not to say anything," Zakaria Mohammad, chief of criminal investigations of Kuala Lumpur City told reporters at the

The raids were, nevertheless, peacefully conducted as there was no resistance. "We don't know what they (police) actually want. But so far no one has been detained in today's raids," said Razif Zahir, an Al Arqam lawyer. Al Argam members were

calm and went about per-

forming their routine afternoon prayers in the presence of the enforcement officers. "We have been taught by our leader not to be violent. Such actions are against our teachings," said an Al Arqam

spokesman. Mr. Ashaari, 57, who founded the Al Argam Movement in 1968, and his wife and four senior members have been detained under the Internal Security Act, which allows indefinite detention without trial.

An Al Argam spokesman late Friday said the government had gone too far in harrassing the communes.

"But we have given them ample warning." Mr. Zainal said, referring to the onemonth ultimatum that expired on Sept. 4 for members to give up Al Arqum teachings. "We are dutybound to guard the sanctity

of Islam," he said. Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad has accused Al

Argam followers of using their women as sex slaves by switching wives regularly. The sect had threatened to sue Mr. Mahathir for the

Regional human rights groups have lambasted the predominantly-Muslim Malaysian government's strongarm tactics, saying they reflect intolerance and religious bigotry.

Mr. Mahathir says the federal government will ban any state from imposing Islamic punishments such as the stoning of women adulterers. "We will stop anyone who attempts to enforce the (Isla-

mic criminal justice) Law," the New Straits Times newspaper Saturday quoted him "We have sufficient provisions in the federal constitu-

tion to take such action," Mr.

Mahathir told a local meeting

of his United Malays Nation-

al Organisation Party Friday. The assembly in opposition-ruled northern Kelantan state last year passed laws introducing the sharia penal system, under which' thieves could have their limbs chopped off, drunks could be lashed and women adulterers could be stoned to death.



Police officers look at pictures and paraphernalia depicting Muslim deviant Ashaari Mohammad which were seized from Malaysia's outlawed Islamic sect Al Arqua in a dawn raid at its headquarters in Sungai

Mr. Mahathir said the laws would probably vote against cannot be enforced unless the national parliament, dominated by Mr. Mahathir's multiracial National Front Coalition, amends the constitu-

That requires a two-thirds majority and Mr. Mahathir's Chinese and Indian partners

Pancala, outside the capital Saturday. The operation came after hundreds of sect members. including Mr. Ashaari, were detained under various state laws for practising deviationist Islamic teachings (AFP photo)

Mr. Mahathir accused the All Malaysian Islamic Party which rules Kelantan of using the issue to gain political mileage before a coming general election, the New

Straits Times said. An election is not due until

The government has been preoccupied of late with Islamic issues in Malaysia. Although Islam is the country's official religion, its laws are secular.

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Mahathir is widely expected

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a violent storm at the Kibumba camp, 30 kilometres from the Zairean town of Goma. Relief officials fear new and fatal

epidemics will spread with the start of the rain season (AFP

Heavy fighting reported in Bosnia's Bihac enclave

SARAJEVO (R) - U.N. officers said Saturday fighting raged between Serbs and Muslim-led forces in a northwest Bosnian enclave where Serbs have mounted an offensive. Using tanks and artillery,

Croatian rebel Serbs and Bosnian Serb forces this week launched joint attacks against the mostly Muslim Bosnian government army in the Bihac enclave.

In the eastern part of the Bihac pocket, United Nations peacekeepers reported some 371 detonations but the Muslim-led Bosnian army was holding its ground against Croatian Serbs, Commander Eric Chaperon, a U.N. military spokesman, said in Sarajevo. Fighting flared overnight

further south in the enclave with 171 detonations reported near Otoka, and the Muslim-led government army appeared to be moving on a Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) supply route east of Bihac town.

"The BIH (Bosnian army) attack seems to threaten the main access road to the BSA barracks east of Bihac. As a probable retaliation the BSA

started shelling the BIH position northeast of Bihac town with tanks and artillery,' Maj. Chaperon said.

The U.N. said Croatian Serbs hit the town of Velika Kladua with a rocket attack Friday, killing a woman and wounding four others. The Muslim-led Bosnian

army in Bihac last month put down a year-long revolt by fellow Muslims led by politicboss and business tycoon Fikret Abdic. Now it faces an offensive by the Croatian and Bosnian Serbs, who appear to have their sights set on a contested rail line outside of Bihac.

Bosnian Serbs found themselves further isolated after Norway said Serbian-led Yugoslavia had agreed to international monitoring of its blockade against its former proteges. Norwegian Deputy Fore-

ign Minister Jan Egeland told Reuters in Oslo Friday his country was sending 20 monitors to be part of a 135-strong force intended to ensure that no arms, fuel or other supplies reached the Bosnian Serbs.

are scheduled to be in place by Thursday," he said.
There was still no official

reaction in Belgrade but Yugoslav media emphasised the international community appeared poised to discuss the easing of U.N. sanctions imposed for rump Yugoslavia's military support for Bosnia's Serbs.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, anxious to hasten the lifting of sanctions, sealed the border with Bosnian Serbs after their refusal to enforce a peace plan drawn up by big powers. In return, diplomats say

the international community may reopen civilian air routes to Yugoslavia and restore cultural and sporting ties if the monitors go in to verify the blockade against the Bosnian Serbs.

In Zagreb, Crotians prepared to welcome Pope John Paul Saturday, rejoicing at their first papal visit after more than 1,000 years as staunch Roman Catholics and three years after winning independence. Croatia's right-wing

nationalist government billed the 24-hour visit as an en-

dorsement of independent Croatia under President Franjo Tudiman and its struggle against rebel minority Serbs who opposed its

secession from Yugoslavia. Rebel Krajina Serbs, hold-ing land behind a U.N. truce line as close as 30 kilometres from Zagreb, urged the Pope to condemn Croatian fascist persecution of Serbs in World Cardinal Franjo Kuharic,

Pope John Paul's host, called the visit a gesture of solidarity with independent Croatia and its church but not meant to take partisan sides. The Pope had hoped to precede his Zagreb visit with

a stop in Bosnia's capital Sarajevo but had to cancel because Bosnian Serb forces surrounding the city refuse to assure his safety. Pope John Paul was due to

arrive at 1530 GMT and drive in his special bulletproof white "Popemobile" to the Zagreb cathedral. On Sunday, the Pope will

pay a courtesy call on Mr. Tudiman at the presidential mansion before celebrating mass at a Zagreb racetrack and elsewhere in Eastern

killed in Rwanda shooting

KIGALI (Agencies) — Ten civilians were killed in a shootout in a Rwandan border town in an area where the U.N. fears troops of the defeated Hutu government are

regrouping.

A U.N. military spokesman said Saturday that neither U.N. peacekeepers nor soldiers of the new Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) government were involved in the shooting Friday in Cyangugu on the border with Zaire.

"This was strictly between locals." Major Jean-Guy Plante told reporters in the capital Kigali. We are not ruling out

anything but the immediate conclusion of the troops in the area was this was a case of banditry. Ten people were killed and

two wounded in the incident. In a separate incident, 80 bullets were fired at a Rwandan hydroelectric power station near Cyangugu Friday from inside Zaire in what appeared to be a sabotage attempt. 'Though there was no

damage done, they appeared to be trying to damage the tower and the electricity lines." Maj. Plante said.

In a report leaked to journalists Thursday, U.N. envoy Shaharyar Khan said U.N. troops had spotted armed men in military fatigues crossing into Rwanda from Zaire preparation for guerrilla war-fare with the RPF.

The RPF, dominated by Rwanda's Tutsi minority. seized power in July. Hutu government troops fled across the border into eastern Zaire following three months of civil war in which they and death squads massacred an estimated one million people. mostly Tutsis.

Mr. Khan will fly to Zairean border town of Goma Monday for talks with Zairean authorities on how to prevent defeated Rwandan soldiers launching a second civil war from Zairean soil, officials said. Aid workers and the RPF

have said elements of the former army and Hutu militia have been training in a Zairean military camp at Shimanga, 60 kilometres from the border with Rwanda.

Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko told the United Nations and Rwanda's new president in July the Rwandan troops would be disarmed and isolated in camps separate from civilian refugees.

Zaire has denied reports the ousted army was regrouping with the aid of authorities there and preparing to invade Rwanda.

The defeated army still has arms including anti-aircraft guns, four helicopters, heavy and Burundi apparently in machineguns, grenades and

tonnes of ammunition, and its troops have been paid four-month advance salaries.

Aid workers said Saturday they suspected RPF involvement in the torture and killing of two civilians in Kigali Friday. A third torture victim was found alive and was being treated in King Faisal Hospital in Kigali. The victims were found by

U.N. troops on a rubbish dump near Kigali Airport and had been badly beaten and cut with machetes. One aid worker said she

had been told by local resi-dents that RPF soldiers had been seen in the vicinity of the rubbish dump just before the bodies and the third man were discovered. Tens of thousands of

Rwandan refugees already weak from hunger and disease faced a new scourge Friday: African rain. It poured for three hours in

Goma, home for 1.2 million Hutu refugees who fled their country after a vicious civil war that left at least a halfmillion people dead. The torrential rain flooded

refugees' tiny grass, bamboo and mud structures that dot the camps in eastern Zaire. Lava on the surface added to the misery because it stop-

ped water from soaking into the earth. The lava is from the nearby Nyiragongo volcano, which erupted in 1977, spewing lava as far 10 the UNHCR building.

kilometres (ó miles). Zairean mobs killed two

government soldiers Saturday and hijacked a relief vehicle, prompting the United Nations to warn 700 foreign aid workers to avoid two districts in Goma. According to witnesses, the trouble started when Zai-

rean mobs spotted two sol-

diers killing a civilian who had refused to pay them

bribes. The mob caught the

soldiers, hanged one of them.

on an electric pole and stoned

the other to death, accordingto U.N. radio reports. The mob then tied one soldier to a car and dragged him through the city.

'We are taking all precau-. . tions and I have advised my staff to avoid the troubled districts." said U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Field Director Filippo Gran-

During the melee, a vehi-cle owned by World Vision, a U.S.-based aid agency, wasstopped by the mob and hijacked.

"I felt so close to death, the mob came and asked us to get out." said Jaime Anto-nio, a World Vision aid worker from Mozambique. "I realised the only way to safety was to leave."

The mob ordered the driver, a Zairean, to drive on," said Mr. Antonio, who. managed to take shelter in

Robaina announces Cuban economic reforms the government of Cuba to MADRID (Agencies) -

Cuba will soon introduce economic reforms but political parties will not be legalised, Cuba's foreign minister said in an interview published Saturday by the Spanish daily El Pais. Roberto Robaina said in

an interview granted before the Cuban-U.S. agreement on the current emigration crisis that Cuba's democracy "is not perfect and will undergo deep changes." But, he said, "Cuba

already experimented with political pluralism and it was the period in which we were more threatened than ever." Talking of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, he said "the Cuban revolution has meant so much that it does not just depend on one person. In

the one behind them.' Mr. Robaina, who has been on an official visit to Spain since Wednesday, has met three members of the moderate opposition. The talks with Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, Alfredo Duran and Ramon Cernuda "was not just for show," he said.

addition to which, Fidel is not

an obstacle to reforms but is

He said the only condition the Cuban government had made prior to meeting the opponents was that "they should be people who condemned the embargo." Meanwhile, nearly 100

members of organisations to the Castro regime demonstrated Saturday outside the Cuban embassy in Madrid. They said they were sceptical over the agreement between Washington and Havana to end the "balseros" cri-

sis — the illegal exodus of

Cubans from their homeland.

States and North Korea be-

gan a fresh effort Saturday to

Smiling officials from the

the U.S. team arrived at

North Korea's old embassy to

the former Communist East

Germany in Berlin for talks

on the nuclear issue expected

to continue well into next

Neither side made any for-

mal comment when the meet-

ing broke up for a lunch after

three hours. A North Korean

source said it seemed that

there had been "a good start"

resumed later in the day.

and the discussions would be

Simultaneously, a U.S. de-

legation was reported by

North Korea's official news

agency to have arrived in

Pyongyang for talks also due

to begin Saturday on the

hope we can resolve the

problem we face," the official said before Saturday's meet-

ing. "If we can reach an

agreement with the Amer-

icans, many things open up

week.

ternational community.

Crewmen from the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Nantucket lift a

Cuban woman to safety after her raft was spotted approximately 15 miles off the coast of Cuba. The woman will be sent with other Cuban refugees picked up at sea to the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (AFP photo) The accord reached after a Cubans into the United

U.S., N. Korea in new bid to resolve nuclear dispute

week of negotiations calls for expanded legal immigration of Cubans into the United States, with Havana agreeing to take action to stop emigrants from leaving illegally on makeshift boats and rafts. The accord allows legal immigration of at least 20,000 States each year, along with an estimated 500 relatives of Cubans already living in the United States, officials said. Additionally, some 6.000 Cubans currently on a wait-

ing list for U.S. visas will be allowed to immigrate. "This agreement requires take effective measures to prevent unsafe departure of Cuban citizens." the White House said in a statement, released in New Orleans where President Bill Clinton was making a speech. "This agreement, when

carried out, will help insure that the massive flow of dangerous and illegal migration will be replaced by a safer, legal and more orderly process," Mr. Clinton said in the statement. Cuba agreed that arrange-

ments could be made through diplomatic channels for the repatriation of "those Cubans who have recently left and wish to return." Refugees intercepted at

sea by American navai forces have been taken to the U.S. military base at Guantanamo, Cuba. They have not been allowed to return." Talks in New York be-

tween Cuba and the United. States had resumed Friday. after having been suspended Wednesday when both sides returned to their capitals for consultations.

Cuba wanted the United States to commit to future talks on the 32-year-old U.S. economic embargo, which Mr. Castro's government blames for causing the economic hardship that is driving Cubans to flee. The United States said it would only discuss putting in place an orderly, legal process for migration.

The talks began last week after thousands of Cubans took to the seas in almost any craft that would float in order. to escape Cuba and in hopes . of reaching U.S. shores.

Liberian warlords join ceasefire call AKOSOMBO, Ghana (R) --Ghanaian government for an that Mr. Taylor's men had

Two more of Liberia's top three warlords Saturday joined Charles Taylor in accepting Ghana's call for an immediate halt to their country's civil war, but reports of widespread chaos inside Liberia suggested they might be unable to honour their Alhaji Kromah, head of

the Ulimo militia's mainstream faction, told reporters he had ordered his men to cease fire. "I have called on my

troops who are involved in

fighting to lay down their

arms in the cause of peace." General Hezekiah Bowen said his Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) were not engaged in combat "at the moment" and so made a more

general endorsement of Ghana's demand. "I support the call by the unconditional ceasefire and appeal to all those involved in

tween Liberia's warring factions in its role as current chairman of the economic community of West African States, on Friday demanded an immediate halt to the fighting which began in December 1989.

any fighting now to stop," he

was heeding Ghana's call.

Ghana, hosting talks be-

Shortly afterwards Mr. Taylor convened a news conference and told reporters he

and will be ordering our months and years to come,"

dependent source in the Liberian capital. Monrovia.

been driven from his inland

"We are calling a ceasefire

forces to cease firing unilaterally, through these talks and hopefully into the weeks,

But as he spoke there were reports from at least one in-

capital at Gbarnga. A senior aid official confirmed that there had been fierce fighting in Gbarnga Friday but he could not say who won. "In terms of who is controlling what, we just don't

know." he told Reuters. It was unclear if the attackers were dissidents from Mr.

Taylor's own National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), a coalition of enemy militias who have been drawing closer to Gbarnga over the past two weeks or an alliance of the renegades and the coali-

The aid official said fighting was not confined to Gbarnga but was sweeping across Liberia.

"It's all over the country, it seems that there has just been a total breakdown of

law and order," he said.

Over 70 killed in Burundi church attack

BUJUMBURA (R) - At least 70 people were killed in

Nobody claims responsibility for the attacks, it's just speculation from both sides and rumours," Daniel Philippin, chief of delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Bujumbura,

day's attack during a baptismal mass at the church at Buhinyuza commune in the northeastern province of Muyinga were filtering out and it was now known that of and children.

who was responsible. Previous official reports on the incident spoke of nine dead. Burundi has the same ethnic make-up as neighbouring Rwanda which has gone through one of the worst tribal bloodlettings in history, with more than a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus massacred by militant Hutu

three decades until last year, with a Hutu bishop.
The bishop has told repor-

ters that the victims were

massacre came after state radio said three people had died of injuries suffered in a grenade attack on the crowded central market in father Kim Il-Sung.
"We are ready for producthe capital Bujumbura at midday Friday. At least 76 people were wounded. tive negotiations and we

say the grenade has become the weapon of choice

BERLIN (R) — The United for us." The official, who asked not to be named, said the Berlin resolve a nuclear dispute and talks — expected to continue negotiate an accord that well into next week after a could help end Pyongyang's virtual isolation from the inbreak Sunday - and the parallel discussions in Pyongyang "are equally important for creating trust between two countries shook hands as

> headed by Gary Saymore, a senior aide to Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gallucci who is Washington's top negotiator with Pyongyang. The North Korean side is led by top foreign trade official Kim Jong-U. The talks are billed as

Ther U.S. team in Berlin is

"technical" and focused on how North Korea's presented graphite nuclear reactors can be replaced by light-water technology — which would make it very difficult for byproducts to be used to make weaponry.

Agreement in principle was reached on this at talks between Mr. Gallucci and North Korean First Deputy Foreign Minister Kang Sok-Ju in Geneva last month. They are due to meet again there on Sept. 23 to continue umbrella negotiations. Mr. Saymore made no

cratic Republic of Korea.

statement before or after the meeting at the North Korean mission - in the absence of official ties with Germany titled "the office for the protection of the interests of the People's Demo-But Mr. Gallucci himself suggested there was some

least in Berlin, when he told reporters in Washington Friday that the United States had "no flexibility" on an issue where the two sides seem still far apart. This is the subject of "special inspections" by the

tough negotiationg ahead, at

Vienna-based nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). of sites North Korea says are not part of its nuclear programme at Yongbyon north of Pyongyang. The United States, strongly supported by South Korea.

insists that the IAEA be

allowed into the sites where it

suspects the North may have been diverting enough plutonium from a civilian programme to make nuclear Mr. Gallucci indicated Friday there was room for manoeuvre, saying Washington would not press for immedi-

ate inspections which could

come "somewhat later" in

the settlement process. Mr. Kang insisted after last month's Geneva talks with Mr. Gallucci that his countrycould "never accept" special

But diplomats say signals from Pyongyang suggest that its position could also be softened if North Korea achieves what it clearly views as the main prize - recognition by the United States and the investment it hopes would follow.

"A lot of foreign businesses want to come and participate in the develop-ment of our economy, but the position of the United States so far makes that difficult," said the North Korean official in Berlin. He said his country, whose only unconditional ally is

some diplomatic backing from China. was hoping a breakthrough would lead to full relations with all major European countries, including Germany. Meanwhile a first-ever -U.S. government delegateion flew into Pyongyang Saturday to discuss the exchange

Cuba although it also has

deal to end North Korea's nuclear standoff. A five-member delegation led by Lynn Turk, who is in charge of Korean affairs at the State Department, is the first U.S. mission to pay an offiical visit to the cold war

of liaison offices as part of a

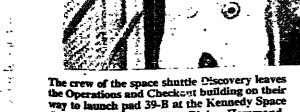
enemy. The delegation arrived Saturday afternoon, the official Korean Central News Agency reported from Pyon-

gyang.
The U.S. group is scheduled to stay in Pyongyang until Tuesday, during which it will meet North Korean counterparts to discuss details for opening liaison offices in each other's capital. Government sources here

status of liaison officials and rent would be discussed. The Pyongvang meeting is being held in parallel with other U.S.-North Korea talks

in Berlin.

said that details including the



Space shuttle blasts off after setback CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AFP) — The space shut-tle Discovery blasted off late Finday after clouds and wind forced a nearly two hour delay for the science and spacewalking mission.

Centre. (Front L-R) Pilot Blaine Hammond,

Discovery roared into the air over the Kennedy Space Centre at 6.22 p.m. (2222 The countdown for the 4:30 p.m. (2030 GMT) liftoff

was held at the nine-minute

the heels of last month's emergency shutdown of Endeavour 1.9 seconds before blastoff.

tics and Space Administra-tion (NASA) officials waited for a clear shot.

The launch delay comes on

That shutdown came at a time during the launch pro-cess when any failure could be extremely dangerous for the crew.

Tests conducted on the

grounded Endeavour's engines theoretically eliminated any risk of the same problem occurring on Discovery, NASA said.

Com. Richard Richards, (2nd L-R) Mark Lee, Jerry Linenger, (Rear L-R) Carl Meade and Susan Helms (AFP photo)

The six-member Discovery crew waited inside the spaceship for launch sequence to recommence. The team is to conduct a

series of experiments on the nine-day mission, which will feature the first untethered space walk in 10 years.

an attack almost a week ago on a Catholic Church in Burundi as ethnic violence continued to escalate, the Red Cross said Saturday. "People are being killed here almost every day now.

told Reuters. He said details of last Sun-

the 70 dead, 60 were women He said it was not clear

tribesmen.
Other aid workers with operations in the north of the country said the church attack followed the replacement of the former bishop, a member of the Tutsi minority which ruled the country for

establishment of liaison both Tutsi and Hutu, but the offices in the two capitals. majority were Hutus. One North Korean official The new details on the in Berlin told Reuters that under its new leader Kim Jong-II his country would continue policies of opening to the United States and South Korea begun under his later

was heard overnight in the Diplomats and aid workers

Residents said shooting

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In steps they move

SYRIA'S OUTRIGHT rejection of Israel's latest peace offer was expected since the offer was based on partial and phased withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Damascus is already on record as refusing any drawn out Israeli withdrawal from its occupied territories, especially when it does not entail a clear-cut commitment from the start for a complete evacuation of the heights and the dismantling of the 31 Jewish settlements there.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has presented his latest initiative with much fanfare in anticipation of the impending visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

But there has been persistent reports that Syria and Israel are edging closer than ever to a peace deal that could be reached by the end of this year. Thus Mr. Rabin's most recent formula cannot be viewed as his government's last word on peace terms with Syria.

It appears that the Israeli government is jockeying for the best bargaining position in anticipation of more significant give and take on the Israeli-Syrian track. Mr. Rabin apparently is also seeking to sell the idea of an inevitable Israeli withdrawal from the Syrian heights, occupied in 1967 and annexed in 1981, to his people on a gradual basis. The three-year phased Israeli withdrawal suggested by Mr. Rabin is in effect no different from earlier offers since they are all based on the proposition that Israel needs a grace period to test Syria's true intentions towards it and how far Syrian President Hafez Al Assad is willing to go in normalising his country's relations with the Jewish state.

It is no wonder Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa's reply to the Israeli peace plan was quick and unequivocal. Syria seeks a quick Israeli withdrawal as much as it needs a clear Israeli pledge to rescind its annexation of the heights and withdraw from them as soon as possible. Damascus is of course right in demanding that Israel clarify its ultimate intentions on withdrawal. There is really no reason for any more foot dragging on this. Instead, the two sides must work on a package deal comprising all the elements that concern them. If Mr. Rabin accepts to withdraw from the heights completely in return for a complete and full peace with Syria, he can do so in one step instead of several steps. In the final analysis, the gap between the two positions is indeed bridgeable if there is a genuine desire on the part of Israel to proceed with its peace negotiations with Syria with full speed.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Saturday criticised the organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers meeting in Islamabad for failing to rally behind Muslim nations facing injustice and oppression. The OIC foreign ministers have failed to utter a single word in defence of the besieged Iraqi people and failed to utter a single statement in condemnation of the current U.S.-Zionist drive to distort the image of Islam world wide, said Tareq Masar-

All the Muslim nations could do, he said, was voicing their dismay over the situation on Bosnia, simply because the United States itself is not happy about the situation there. The Muslim foreign ministers showed indifference to the Muslims plight in Afghanistan and the oppressed Muslim nations who face unknown future under Russian domination in the former Soviet Union's territory, said the But these Muslim nations rellied behind the United States and Israel in condemning the perpetrators of the bomb blast at a Jewish centre in Buenos Aires, succumbing to U.S.-Zionist pressures, he continued. The writer said that the Muslim nations are openly and shamefully accepting U.S.-Zionist hegemony and doing themselves and their 1000 million Muslim inhabitants injustice and harming their own national interests.

IT IS a pity to see and hear Western and former Eastern bloc countries unilaterally ending their hostile attitude towards Iraq and concluding trade agreements with Baghdad at a time when the Arab countries continue to show passive attitude towards their kinsmen, said Mohammad Kawash, a columnist in Al Dustour Saturday. Major companies in the West and other parts of the world and in

stratievila e sleeby pered de partiro la lanci religions once the embargo at a time when sured states close to iraq and those which took a part in the war on the Iragi people still determined to maintain the sanctions on the Iraqi people for selfish reasons, said Mr. Kawash. It should be stressed that thousands of innocent Iraqi children are dying due to the lack of proper medicine and sufficient food supplies, he added.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Dinar no more under pressure

THE JORDANIAN dinar came under pressure during the first half of 1994. The main reason is believed to be the conversion of part of the West Bank's stock of Jordanian dinars due to the political uncertainty arising from an extremely fluid situation following Palestinian self-rule. The result was the reduction of foreign exchange reserves of the Central Bank by up to \$400 million.

This negative trend, which caused uneasiness in Jordanian political circles, was halted in the first week of July, before it was completely reversed. The demand on Jordan dinars rose since then, and dollars started to flow back tothe Central Bank of Jordan. The reserves in foreign exchange at the Central Bank rose during July and August by some \$120 million. The flow of dollars continued and intensified. Some analysts believe that the Central Bank may recover all or most of the lost reserves before the end

During this difficult period, the Central Bank remained calm and acted normally, because it realised that any behaviour with no real economic justification may not be sustainable. In fact, the rush against the Jordan dinar all but vanished. The Jordan dinar came out of this test with coloured banners simply because the fundamentals of the Jordanian economy were sound, and the fiscal performance was in accordance with the plan.

When the Jordanian dinar was under pressure, the Central Bank responded by indirectly raising interest rate on the JD through allowing interest rate on the treasury notes acquired by banks to rise from 3.5 per cent to close to 7 per cent. Thus the interest rate on the JD remained above the interest rate on the dollar. There was no benefit, in terms of interest, if speculators shift from JDs to dollars. The Central Bank, as a matter of policy, will keep interest rate on the JD at least two percentage points above the interest rate on the dollar.

Banks expanded extensively in lending, so much so that

the bank's credit facilities extended to the private sector during the last 12 months rose by almost 20 per cent, while banks' deposits grew by a mere 4 per cent. Therefore, excess liquidity maintained by the banking system declined sharply. The expected strong competition among banks to attract deposits will push interest rates on the JD higher, and will make banks more selective in granting new credit to potential borrowers. It is expected that the whole scale of interest rates on the JD will rise by a further one percentage point before the end of 1994.

One of the main reasons why credit facilities were growing out of proportion is that companies and business men in the private sector exploit the loopholes in the current income tax law, which exempts interest received from banks while at the same time accepts interest paid to the banks as part of the cost deductible for tax purposes. It was natural that businessmen found it more beneficial to deposit their own funds in banks and generate an exempted income while financing their businesses by borrowing, because paid interest is deductible before arriving at the net

The Ministry of Finance became aware of this loophole, and thought of an amendment so that interest received by, and interest paid to the same taxpayer should be offset against each other. Only the excess of interest received can be exempted from tax, or the excess of interest paid can be deducted. The companies and businessmen will thus be given an incentive to use their own funds in financing their

investments before resorting to banks for funds. Part of those who initiated the outcry against the recommended amendments are those who are working with borrowed money while making deposits with banks. In certain cases the deposits were used as a collateral for obtaining the loans, a trick which is costly for the treasury and harmful to the economy and should not be allowed to



The United Nations should prepare for the borderless world ahead

By Koji Kakizawa

TOKYO — The United Nations may have suffered from low expectations during the cold war, but today the world expects much more of it. The end of the cold war, I believe, will transform or even end the traditional nation-state system. To adapt, the United Nations will have to implement a number of mea-

The new world order that will emerge as the nationstate loses its relevance in the next century will be more highly integrated -economically, politically and culturally. There will be movement, as some have predicted, towards a single borderless economy. And the trend towards political integration will continue, as suggested by the proliferation of successful regional orgnaisations like

the European Union (EU). Historically, there have been two prerequisites for integration among nations. The first is a sharing of values; the second is the existence of a common task. Both requirements will be satisfied in the world of the 21st century. Today. most nations are bound together by a common desire for pluralistic democracy, and by the need for international cooperation to tackle such global problems as population growth. nuclear proliferation, environmental degradation, drug-related social problems and regional conflicts.

Only the United Nations can provide a forum for shading read and a deasformation. But if it is to deal adequately with this new situation, the U.N. itself will first require reform. It must be given the power to address global

threats effectively and it must become a forum where the shared ideal of pluralistic democracy is promoted

How can we do this? How are we to make the U.N. more effective in the transformation away from the nation-state system? First, the U.N. should support the establishment

of democratic governments by providing greater assist-ance for the holding of free and fair elections. Towards this end, the Electoral Assistance Unit of the U.N. Secretariat should be reinforced. Second. U.N.

peacekeeping operations are playing an ever more important role and need proper support to continue in that direction. The successful elections in Namibia, Cambodia and El Salvador testify to the essential role of the peacekeepers' election-monitoring and observation units. Civilian participation is becoming increasingly important. I therefore suggest the endownment of a memorial medal honouring the con-tributions of the civilian

participants. Third, the long-awaited post of U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights needs adequate support and resources. The protection of human rights can be assured only if a multitude of conditions prevails. These include political stability, established legal procedures, an ample number of jurists, wide public awareness of the importance of human rights, economic development and a rise in living standards. These conditions demand

considerable effort over To facilitate change, the U.N. must offer advisory activities to establish due process of law. Public information programmes are important. A strong, permanent secretariat will be needed; close coordination among hte relevant U.N. agencies is crucial. I would propose that the U.N. Centre for Human Rights be given enhanced resources and that the coordinating role of the High

Commissioner for Human

Rights within the U.N. sys-

tem be consolidated. Several reforms are needed in the United Nations. The Security Council should be a focus of these reforms, though remedies are also needed in the economic and cultural fields. The dramatic increase in the number of memberstates and the emergence of new powers with influence equal to those of the Security Council's permanent members means the Council's legitimacy and credibility cannot be ensured unless its decisions reflect the general will of the mem-

The newer global powers should be encouraged to take a more active role in efforts to ensure world peace and stability. Japan has the will and capacity to

The Security Council should also better represent the international community by increasing the number of nonpermanent mem-bers and redressing the imbalance in the geographical distribution of nonperma-

nent seats.
UNESCO, which for almost a half century has sought to contribute to peace through its efforts in educational, scientific and cultural fields, must now tackle new issues. These include disputes between different ethnic and cultural

Already, through its Culture of Peace Programme, UNESCO is contributing to conflict prevention and post-conflict peace-building efforts. I hope UNESCO's restructured executive board will more effectively address the complex global problems of today's world. It would be useful to re-

vitalise the Economic and Social Council so that it can better focus on urgent issues and achieve better cordinationamongthe agencies, programmes and funds that come under the Security Council's jurisdiction. Finally, the number of

contentious cases submitted by states to the International Court of Justice has increased dramatically. The court, is expected to play an increasingly important role in facilitating the peaceful legal disputes. The international community needs to strengthen the court's role by encouraging wider acceptance of its compulsory jurisdiction by the states that are party to the statue of the court.

The new world order will see a gradual erosion of the nation-state system. The yearning among peoples of the world for pluralistic, liberal democracy and a market economy is the basis for this trend. In the meanwhile, each state must attain democracy in its own way. The worldwide movement towards this common goal can be facilitated most appropriately by the United Nations. If it is to fulfill this task, we must encourage the United Nations to con-

tinue on its path of reform. The writer is a former foreign minister of Japan. This comment is reprinted from the International Herlad

Is peacekeeping working?

By Nicholas Doughty Reuter

LONDON - U.N. peacekeepers are in action in flashpoints around the world. Russian and U.S. troops are on joint man-oeuvres and NATO is gearing up for its first exercise with former foes in Eastern Europe next week.

Peacekeeping has be-come a growth industry in an increasingly chaotic post-cold war atmosphere. with politicians proclaiming a new age of cooperation to

But, behind the showcase military exercises, tough questions remain unanswered about who should be in charge, how operations should be organised and even what "peacekeeping" actually means.

Several bodies are com-

peting to set the agenda, chiefly the United Nations and, in Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisa-

The U.N. and NATO have already clashed over how to deal with Bosnia and the U.N. has also run into problems with operations in Somalia and Russia, meanwhile, is

pushing for a mandate to look after peacekeeping in troubled former Soviet republics, arguing that no one else cares enough to take

But some of those republics and Western nations are suspicious of Moscow's intentions. Russia, on the other hand, is wary of NATO's desire for a new peacekeeping role. If there is any agreement,

it is that peacekeeping now means much more than' posting a few hundred lightly armed troops with blue berets to help maintain a ceasefire already agreed between warring parties — its traditional sense. Peacekeepers have been in combat in Bosnia and

Somalia but the question of when and whether they should be equipped with a mandate to impose a solution or to disarm warring factions is complicated and controversial. Diplomats say the key problem in making

peacekeeping work is whether nations, especially major military powers like the United States, can summon the political will to get volved in an age of shi ing defence budgets.
The United Nations has

had trouble getting contributions for its operations in Bosnia. Somalia and Rwanda and it has often taken months for the troops to arrive - too little, too

It was only when the United States decided to move into Somalia that others followed suit. Despite the slaughter in Rwanda, others waited until France took the risk of sending in troops to protect civilians before they offered to contribute.

"The current system... routinely reacts to crisis through improvisation."

the former head of U.N. Mohammad Sahnoun,

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his experience.
The United States, disillusioned by its costly faipeacekeeping doctrine ear-lier this year which imposes strict limits on when

Boutros Ghali has proposed setting up a standing force as a way of avoiding such tries are reluctant to give up national control over even a small part of their armed

"When the going gets rough, the U.N.'s role will remain marginal unless it delegates full authority to a great power, as it did to America during the (1991) Gulf crisis, or to a cohesive military alliance such as NATO." Mr. Parsons

U.N. members currently owe almost two billion dolmission.

The trouble is that, except in Europe, there is no burden.

Nations has turned to the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for help in backing up its efforts to stop the killing with the threat of force.

But this uneasy tandem, including a dual command system that NATO's military dislikes, has caused friction. Similar problems arose in Somalia, where the U.N. operation was run in parallel with a U.S. com-

In any case, critics question whether NATO is best suited to the nuances and restrictions of peacekeeping operations.

British-American Security Information Council (BASIC) this week said NATO favoured a traditional military approach which was not always аррторгіаte.

Calling for a major rethink of how peacekeep-

"The world wants a U.N.

LETTERS

'A problem with the snobs'

To the Editor:

I WAS under the impression that tolerance of others' opinions was a part of what democracy is all about. I did not feel from E. Yaghi's recent article (Jordan Times Aug-25) that she has a problem accepting the 'natives', but rather that she has a problem accepting snobs, which come in all nationalities, as I am sure you will agree.

If you have been reading her column regularly, you have to admit that E. Yaghi has been a champion for the plight of natives in many scenarios - the poor, the weak, the downtrodden, and the oppressed.

Isn't snobbishness also a form of oppression? (a holierthan-thou attitude can be paralysing for the victim). It seems that E. Yaghi has not had much luck in receiving at least a little professional warmth from personnel in an establishment that assists U.S. nationals.

I am surprised at the defensive over-reaction of others to the personal feelings that E. Yaghi shared with her readers-Why the defensiveness, unless there is at least some truth to what she expressed?

> Lea Marie Rash Amman-jordan.

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wrote in a recent book on

lure in Somalia, drew up a Washington might commit forces to such operations in the future.
U.N. Secretary-General

problems but many counforces

A former British ambassador to the United Nations, Anthony Parsons, wrote recently that the standing force was needed but that the U.N. would still be ill-equipped to deal with major operations where force would be needed.

lars in peacekeeping dues and diplomats say the organisation, which now has 80,000 personnel in more than a dozen operations worldwide, lacks the structure to run a major combat

other organisation which can help share the U.N. In Bosnia, the United

mand structure.

ing is organised, the report argued that NATO nations, led by the United States, were driven only by their own interests.

policeman," the report said. "But it is being given a private security company called NATO which only responds to the alarm when its leading shareholders Action National Ac-Responses to the second

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This is the first of a series of articles on the impressions that the writer got during a recent 10day stay in the Republic of Yemen.

HAVING RESOUND-INGLY fought off a secessionist war in the south. Yemeni President Ali Abduliah Saleh is waging a much more intensive battle for elusive victory on the political front and putting Yemen on course towards much-needed political and economic reforms.

The challenges facing President Saleh are immense, and solutions are not easy in a tribal society trying to adapt to the requirements of a modern forward-looking country handicapped by decades of executive inefficiency and a multitude of political and social priorities that existed

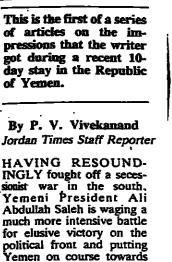
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Indeed, his military victory against the southern secessionists in the twomonth civil war that ended in July has strengthened President Saleh's hands; but the political price that he is being asked to pay for that victory could be too steep for him.

For one, the mainstream Islamic Party, Al Islah, which has 62 seats in the 301-strong national assembly elected in united Yemen's first general elections in April last year, is demanding a clear-cut, two-party coalition government with President Saleh's General People's Congress (GPC). which has 131 members in parliament.

Agreeing to the Islah demand would essentially deprive the president of any immediate hope of reconciling with the southerners, whose Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP) is technically the second-largest party in parliament with 68 seats.

Seventeen of the 68 went into exile following the civil war. A majority of those still in the country are, for all practical purposes, prounionists and support President Saleh. As such, the GPC thinking sion of the YSP in a coali-

Including the YSP in government is of paramount importance to President Saleh not also because that is the only way he could hope to eventually reconcile with southerners who remain fiercely opposed to the northern-based government's direct control of the south, but also because that would help him offset the At Islah presence in the executive authority.



WINNING THE PEACE: After defeating his southern opponents in the battlefield, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh faces the challenge of maintaining stability in a land where opposition is still active (AFP photo)

Yemen in the throes of a political battle

That is easier said than

Al Islah had made no secret of its push to obliterate the existence of the socialists, who steadfastly resisted Muslim funspread its own brand of political Islam to the southern provinces of Yemen before and after the Marxistrule South Yemen merged with the conservative North Yemen in May 1990.

Sheikh Abdul Majid Zindani, the effective Al Islah leader and member of a five-member Presidential Council that Mr. Saleh heads, has publicly stated his ambitions to head an Islamic movement that embraces the more than one billion Muslims of the world.

For a start, he would like to enforce Islamic law in Yemen and set an example at home for what he sees as his worldwide audience. And the southern port city of Aden is apparently the best place for him to launch his efforts.

Today, the well-armed Al Islah fighters, who joined government forces in the fight against the secessionists and entered Aden and its suburbs when it fell on July 7, are very much present in the port city. They are implementing their own Islamic law and move ruthlessly against anyone who stands in their

Banning alcohol and enforcing strict Islamic code of dress for women are perhaps the mildest punishment for Adenis when compared with the summary 'open-ended leave" given nior-level women cials in government by Al Islah officials who replaced southerners after the city was taken over by govern-

ment forces in July. Grappling with the chaos of war which have skyrocketed prices and created large-scale unemployment, residents of Aden have, for the moment, put off their political priorities to tackle their immediate problems in daily life.

However, the highhanded Al Islah approach has not helped President Saleh's efforts to reconcile them to the concept of a central government exercising full authority in the southern central govemorates But the Sanaa _ faces the deli~ cate problem of how to confront Al Islah and influence it to scale down its activities in the south as the first step to gain the confi-

dence of southerners. It is unlikely that the Al Islah hardliners consolidating their religious grip on the south would back down through diplomacy; and an open confrontation with Al Islah is the last thing that President Saleh's GPC wants, particularly that the

party wants what many in

Sanaa describe as a "nationalist coalition representing all shades of the political spectrum." So everything is on the

hold at present for the government in the why the government forces are not interfering with the free run of the Islamists in Aden. But a confrontation could come soon, not necessarily of a major military nature, once a government is formed in Sanaa to replace a caretaker cabinet formed after the civil war.

As President Saleh is holding extended sessions with politicians and activists at his place on the fringes of Sanaa to meet a reported government senior officials describe the very Al Islah presence in the coalition as an asset rather than a bur-

Sept. 15 deadline to form a

"It is much better to have tnem inside the nouse arguing rather than throwing stones at us from outside" was how a senior government official put Sanaa's approach to Al Islah. "In any event, they are very much part of the Yemeni society and political system and we resent the foreign approach which sees Al Islah as a threat to Ye-

A meeting of the YSP leadership attended by nearly 40 of the 51 of the

party members in parliament last week did issue statements and resolutions distancing themselves from the secessionist attempts and calling for national uni-

This was seen as carefully orchestrated efforts by pro-Saleh elements in the party to prepare the ground for a YSP entry into the cabinet.

However, many YSP members feel that no matter what they do, it is unlikely that Al Islah would agree to have the socialist represented in government "We could go into

opposition just as we could enter the government. said Yahya Mansour Al Asba, a YSP member of parliament.

Sayeh pays tribute to Jordan

(Continued from page 1) Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in Gaza and

The sources could not provide any reason for the delay in PNA approval for the respected sheikh to enter and take up residence in Arab East Jerusalem, the Holy City whose status is expected to be discussed in 1996 under the Sept. 13 Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation self-rule

agreement.
Sheikh Sayeh is a strong critic of the autonomy

Later Saturday, Petra said Sheikh Sayeh had re-

ceived a rejection of his request to go back to Jerusalem. No reason was given for the rejection; Petra did not say where the denial came from.

It quoted Sheikh Sayeh as saying "this decision was a shock" for him, especially that he had aiready prepared to leave Sunday to the Holy City.

The rejection has, he said, had prevented him from having his "dream to return come true."

He was anxiously awaiting approval for his return home and he would head for Jerusalem as soon as he receives the approval.

Palestinian polls in November

(Continued from page 1)

the West Bank and Gaza Strip within seven months to choose a council that would run the Palestinian territor-

Israel says the PLO must first agree on details for the elections before any step is taken towards holding the

Palestinians accuse Israel of stalling on starting the

I he elections to the autonomy council, originally scheduled for July, were post-poned to October and then forecast for Dec. 15 after delays in the implementation of Palestinian self-rule, launched in the strip and the West Bank town of Jericho with

the May 4 autonomy accord. Israel and the PLO signed an accord on the transfer of civilian powers to the Palestinians throughout the West Bank on Aug. 29.

Labour MKs want changes

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back from the Golan. We did not define any inal line and of course we can not ... announce our intention to withdraw completely before conducting negotiations," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told army

radio on Saturday. Three-year-old peace talks between Israel and Syria have been deadlocked over Syria's demand for a full

Syrian commitment to normalisation including open borders, embassies and trade before discussing the final boundary between the two

At least eight of the ruling Labour Party's 44 parliament members are opposed to a substantial pull back on the

The party's 1992 election platform refers to territorial ompromise on the Golan,

By Sid Moody The Associated Press

ON THE road to victory in World War II, the Allies in September 1944 stumbled in Europe and took a detour in the Pacific.

In Holland, the Anglo-Canadian-American armies tried to leapfrog the Rhine River into Germany at Arnhem — a "bridge too far."

In the jungles and coral labyrinths of Peleliu 805 kilometres east of the Philippines. Marine and army troops fought one of the war's bloodiest battles for an iselt some commanders even at the time thought was unnecessary.

After two months of the costliest fighting prop-ortionately of the Pacific war against Japan, Peleliu was hardly of any use subsequently. Conversely, the nearby atoll of Ulithi, abandoned by Japan without a fight, became a major staging base.

Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of American ground forces in Europe, was stunned when his British counterpart, Field Marshal Sir Bernard Law Montgomery, whose caution infuriated his allies, proposed a parachute attack to seize the Rhine bridge at

"Had the pious, teetotaling Montgomery wobbled into (headquarters), I would not have been more astonished," Gen. Bradley wrote.

But Gen. Bradley bought the plan, as did the supreme Allied commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. (Ike's biographer, Stephen E. Ambrose, called it "his worst error of the war." Lt. Gen. Frederick

Browning told Montgomery the British 1st Airborne Division - the Red Devils could hold four days until relief arrived at his bridgehead from the south. "But I think, sir, we may be going

a bridge too far."
The U.S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, in reserve since parachuting into Normandy on D-Day, were to open a pathway for the British XXX Corps led by Lt. Gen. Brian Horrocks to drive to Arnhem. But the single road crossed five rivers and easily flooded flatland. And there had been only a week to prepare Operation Market Garden.

Although the Germans had been routed from France after the Allied breakout in Normandy, they were still a formidable fighting force, all the more so as the enemy approached their fatherland.

ULTRA, the ingenious code-breaking machinery devised by the British, indicated German Panzer divisions were near Arnhem. The Dutch underground concurred. British Aerial reconnaissance also found

The first of 10,000 Red Devils dropped like flower petals from the sky in multicoloured parachutes and gliders on Sept. 17. The drop was in daylight to avoid the confusion of earlier night assaults on Sicily and Normandy. But the main landing zone was 9.7 kilometres from Arnhem to avoid anti-aircraft guns.

Within six hours, the 82nd Paratroopers made two river crossings and the Screaming Eagles of the 101st secured nine of 11 crossings. But Horrocks' tanks became easy targets for enemy artillery.

Freed from four years of Nazi occupation, the Dutch greeted the invaders with open arms. In the city of Eindhoven, gleeful citizens hugged the Yanks and wrote messages on their tanks, the crowds delaying the advance.

Col. John Frost of the Red Devils had arranged for his golf clubs and dinner jacket to be flown in later. Meanwhile, his outnumbered men were surrounded at the bridge's north end. The other end was captured by Capt. Eric MacKay, who was also cut off. For four days, the 600 British paratroopers fought one of the war's most gallant stands before they were overrun.

Brig. Gen. James Gavin's 82nd Airborne Division spearheaded the drive towards Arnhem, Maj. Julian Cook led 254 men paddling rubber boats with their helmets and rifle butts across the swift Waal River, despite heavy enemy fire that cost half his group. They captured a key bridge only 17.7 kilometres from Arnhem, but German artillery held up Gen. Horrocks, who infuriated the Americans by stopping for

At Arnhem, Maj. Digby Tatham-Warter ambled through the cannonading with his umbrella, not out of nonchallence but for identification. "I was always forgetting the pass-

When the Red Devils were finally overcome. Capt. MacKay told his captors: "It is all over for Germany. I am prepared totake your surrender." He escaped, was recaptured, escaped again and finally reached friendly

The main British paratroop force never could reach Arnhem despite being reinforced by a jump of Polish soldiers. The Red Devils retreated back across the Rhine with only 2,163 survivors. It had, indeed, been a bridge too far.

Two days before M2rket Garden and half a world away, Marines of the First Division, victors at Guadalcanal in 1942, landed on the small island of Peleliu after the customary sea-air bom-bardment. Afterward, Rear Adm. Jesse B. Oldendorf said: "If military leaders... were gifted with the same accuracy of foresight that they are with hindsight, then the assault on Peleliu should never have been attempted."

Peleliu was one of Japan's major Pacific bases, with 13,500 defenders and two airstrips. Capturing it would secure the flank of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's imminent invasion of the Philippines.

Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey thought Peleliu no danger, but Adm. Chester Nimitz, the navy chief in the Pacific who had targeted Peleliu for months. was not to be dissuaded. He planned to take Japan's big base at Truk, then Yap and Ulithi before joining Gen. MacArthur in an invasion of Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

Actually, the garrisons at Truk and Yap were eventually left to wither on the

Reconnaissance photos indicated Peleliu was low and flat. In reality, the northern half of the six-mile (9.7-kilometre) island was honeycombed with caves that were ingeniously forti-

World at war: A bridge too far and a costly island fied by troops who put death in battle for Emperor Hirohito above all else.

> Combat artist Tom Lea rode in with the third wave of invaders. "Jap machine guns lashed the reef with white lines and Marines feel with bloody splashes into the green water. The survivors seemed so slow and small and patient coming

In broiling heat and constant enemy fire, the invaders swiftly took the airstrip. They might have stopped then and starved out the enemy. But did not. The Marine credo was constant

Col. Lewis "Chesty" Puller, who won five Navy Crosses in his career, bled his regiment almost to death in repeated attacks on Bloody Nose Ridge and its caves. His regiment suffered 1,672 casualties in nine days - two-thirds its strength. A sergeant called Puller "a sonofabitching

Long Toms, the corps biggest cannon at 155mm. were brought up to fire point-blank at the caves. A battery of 75s fired 1,000 rounds at 200 square vards (160 square metres) of the ridge. Marines waited like cats at a mouse hole as an enemy soldier would pop out to fire a shot, then retreat deep into his cave.

Marines sprayed

flamethrowers into the caves. "They set out to cook us to death," recalled Sgt. Hiroshi Funasaka. 'but inside (the caves) we were attacked by those powerful enemies — hun-ger, thirst, pain." Asking a medic for something for his gangrene. Sgt. Funasaka was wordlessly given a hand

Meanwhile, the army's 81st Division invaded the smaller island on Angaur six miles (9.7 kilometres) south of Peleliu, taking it in four days at a cost of 1,500 casualties.

The real prize of operation stalemate was Ulithi taken by a combat team of the 81st a month after the Japanese abandoned it. The total 350 miles (563 kilometres) to the north was called "one of the great bargains of the war.'

Cave by cave, the Marines fought on over the tortured terrain of Peleliu. Corsair fighter planes with bomb racks steadily shuttled off the airstrip to drop their loads before their wheels were even up, then

circle back to re-arm. On Oct. 30, the 81st relieved the Marines. A month later. Col. Kunio Nakagawa radioed Tokyo: 'All is over on Peleliu.' Then he disemboweled himself with a jeweled dag-

Of 302 prisoners taken by the Americans, only seven were soldiers. The last Japanese to surrender were Lt. Tadamichi Yamaguchi and his 26 remaining men. That was on a April 21. 1947. They had been hiding out more than 21/2 years in a cave 100 feet (33 metres) deep, living off U.S. supply dumps. In their cave were kerosene lamps, running water and several boxes of

American Kleenex. Seabees built a field for the big B-29 bombers on Peleliu, made docks and cleared a harbour for battlewagons and carriers that never came. They were at Ulithi.

The island paid for by 1,794 Marine and army dead was used only as a fuel depot for passing planes.

Forecasters see no recession in U.S. before '97

The consensus of the 51

panelists predicts the gross domestic product (GDP) will

grow 3.6 per cent this year and 2.7 per cent in 1995,

unchanged from the results of

the August poll. The 1995

growth rate would approxi-

mate the average annual advances in the last 10 years, Mr.

Eggert said.
The GDP, the total output

of goods and services pro-

duced in the United States.

expanded by three per cent in

The blue chip forecasters

Although the consensus

calls for 3.6 per cent expan-

sion for the entire year, it

foresees economic growth

slowing to a 2.2 per cent

annual rate during the quarter ending Sept. 30 and 2.8

per cent from October

The GDP grew at a 3.8 per

cent rate in the second quar-

ter and 3.3 per cent in the

Much of the slowdown was

attributed to five interest-rate

increases engineered this

vear by the Federal Reserve

to keep inflation from

"Fiddling with industrial

output figures has become

rampant among township en-

terprises," the newspaper quoted officials as saying.

ment to the newspaper about

whether one key statistic, the

output of rural industries,

central and grass-roots levels

which interfere with statistics

are subject to the on-going

inspection," the newspaper

It quoted Zhang Sai, direc-

tor of the State Statistics

Bureau, as warning that any-one caught falsifying data

Foreign economists and

Western diplomats studying

the economy generally praise China's official statisticians as

being extremely professional

But they emphasise that as

have to rely on sometimes

would be punished.

and competent.

"All work units at both

could be relied on.

The officials declined com-

through December.

represent banks, businesses.

forecasting services, universi-ties and Wall Street firms.

The U.S. economy probably for ... each trie more years, "eatmona'e l'orecasters predisted in a survey released Stronding.

formation blue chip economic indicators would be good news for President Clinton. whose expected second-term bid in 1156 would be boosted by additionable economy. the media, a prediction in the tend. I the next recession will . . rrived until after the ge labuated.

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BEIJENG (R) — An inves-infigation of official Chinese

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that there are "lies, down lier

end statistics", uncovering more than 60,000 cases of

The three-month long

probe into the truthfulness of

statistics, the first since China

implemented a state statistics

law 10 years ago, uncovered

bad data in a number of the

country's key indicators, the

official China Daily has said.

Bureau has warned that some

local officials are expert at

misreporting information ab-

cut local grain production

and reserves, birth rates.

commodity prices and the im-

provement in farmers' living

seven major economic sec-

tors including industrial out-

put, grain yield, grain re-

come, investment in capital

construction, inflation and

birth rates." the newspaper

The newspaper said offi-

circle faisified data either to

bring glory to themselves and

their region by over-

emphasising achievements or

to get state aid by exaggerat-

"Fake figures were used in

cenditions," it said.

"The State Statistics

falsified numbers.

The most recent recession

Orima statistics found

ing hardships.

GCC non-oil sector grew 5% in 1993

- report ABU DHABI (AFP) — The non-oil sector in six Arab Gulf states grew by an average five per cent in 1993 as governments pursued economic reforms to offset low oil prices, according to a former

World Bank expert. Growth is expected to continue this year, extending a steady increase over the past 15 years, Louis Hubeika said in a study published in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper Al

A breakdown, quoting World Bank and Gulf sources, showed the non-oil sector grew by 4.2 percent in Saudi Arabia, five percent in Kuwait, seven per cent in Oman, four per cent in Qatar, six per cent in Bahrain, and 4.5 per cent in the UAE.

The six states make up the 13-year-old Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which controls more than 40 per cent of the world's proven crude reserves and produces around 20 per cent of the total world oil supplies.

Mr. Hubeika gave no figures for the total GCC Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1993 but according to the UAE central bank, it stood in current prices at around \$204.8 billion in 1992 and \$181.3 billion in 1991.

The oil sector contributed \$73 billion in 1992, accounting for around 35 por cent. This compares with 62.5 percent in 1980, indicating the oil sector is steadily losing ground to other sectors.

GCC states have launched drives to develop their nonoil sector and diversify their economies. The focus has been on the industrial sector as other sectors like farming and tourism are limited given their desert land.

The drive picked up after oil prices began to decline in the mid-1980s, pushing their revenues to around \$65 billion in 1993 compared with more than \$180 billion in 1981, when prices were above \$30 a barrel.

As prices continued to languish at below \$20, most of thèm havé announced driva tisations and other reform

the professionals in Beijing programmes. GCC states will likely suspect raw data sent in from continue this policy of dearound the country, the expending more on the private tent to which Chinese statissector so it will become the tics can be relied upon to driving force in industrial demake absolute judgements velopment in the coming about the economy is unperiod," Mr. Hubeika said in his study.

Arab states urged to step up supervision of banks ABU DHAB! (AFP) — The Arab League's financial chief

urged member states Saturday to step up supervision of their banks as part of reforms to prevent further banking crises and bring them into line with interntational standards on capital adequacy.

Jassim Al Manai, chairman of the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), said his institution was working with a new Arab auditing committee to ensure all banks in the region meet requirements outlined by the Basie Committee for adequacy, the ratio between share-holders' equity and assets. "Like those in other de-

veloping nations, Arab banking and financial institutions are still in a stage of growth and development and need much work to achieve the required development level," Mr. Manai said. "Since advanced auditing methods help achieve such growth on a solid basis, upgrading and supporting auditing is indispensable in the Arab World."

Mr. Manai, a Bahraini, was speaking at a training

SEOUL (AFP) - Foreign

and local commercial banks

here will have to make public

large-scale bad loans and

financial "incidents" from

this month, officials of South

Korea's Office of Bank Su-

pervision (OBS) have said.

the banks will have to im-

mediately notify the OB\$ if

bad loans exceed more than

five per cent of the bank's

BERLIN (R) - Edzard Reu-

ter, a top German industrial-

ist and potential political leader, called Friday for a

trans-Atlantic free trade

zone" linking the European

Union (EU) and the North

American Free Trade Agree-

Speaking to a German-American business confer-

ence, the outgoing chairman

of Europe's largest industrial

said there were infinite

advantages to connecting

the world's two largest and

Mr. Reuter argued that not

only would a merger create

millions of jobs, he said it would also defuse what he

called the rising potential of

"Why should we not mus-

ter the courage to undertake

a magnificent project, the

project of a trans-Atlantic

free trade zone?" said Mr.

Reuter in a speech to dele-

gates attending a star-

conference in the German

studded two-day business

richest trade blocs.

putes flaring up.

group, Daimler-Benz A.G.,

ment (NAFTA).

Under the new regulation,

Dhabi-based AMF, where they will spend two weeks listening to lectures from experts from the World Bank, Basle Committee and the Bank of England on auditing

and other banking activities. Mr. Manai said it was the second course by the AMF to deal with auditing and capital adequacy, adding it was designed to keep Arab states abreast with the latest auditing techniques and banking operations.

Most Arab states have

launched reforms to strengthen the financial position of their banks so they will meet adequacy requirements set by the Basle Committee, which was created by the Bank of International Settlement (BIS) from the central banks of major industrial countries.

Under those requirements, banks worldwide should have an adequacy of a minimum eight per cent to ensure they have enough funds to face a financial crisis. Banks failing to reach that level could be hoveotted by industrial

Seoul: Banks must expose bad loans

equity capital and if the value of so-called financial "inci-

dents" account for more

than two per cent of equity

ensure responsible manage-

ment by the banks, so that

depositors and shareholders'

interests can be protected,"

said Seomoon Yong-Chae,

an official at the supervision

planning division of the OBS.

'trans-Atlantic free trade zone'

Mr. Reuter, a leading fi-

gure in the Social Democrat

(SPD) Party, has recently dropped loud hints he may

pursue a career in politics

after he retires from the heim

of Daimler in early 1995.

Long-rumoured to be a

candidate for a cabinet post

in a future SPD government,

Mr. Reuter has recently

made public suggestions that

he would like to be Berlin's

Talking at length about his idea in his speech, Mr. Reuter observed that the creation

of the EU had led to cost

savings of almost 40 billion

marks (\$25.8 billion) from

the elimination of passport

and customs formalities

trans-Atlantic free trade zone

would be far more im-

mense," said Mr. Reuter,

whose father Ernst Reuter

ranked as one of the most

popular west Berlin mayors.

dynamics, an upsurge of joint

and new progress would be

Tremendous economic

"The positive impact of a

next mayor.

Key German figure calls for

"The rule was designed to

capital.

Reforms in the Arab World gained momentum after recurrent banking crises in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Arab League members.

The biggest crisis was the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), which was controlled by the UAE emi-rate of Abu Dhabi before it was shut worldwide in 1991 for allegations of massive

Arab officials have stressed they would press ahead with the reforms until the Basle Committee drops its classification of them as high risk countries in lending activi-

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer and exporter, was the only Arab member to have been excluded from that classification because it was the fifth biggest creditor of the International Monetary Fund.

Arabs and officials from

The regulations also call on

the banks to make periodic announcements of such in-

dicators as capital adequacy

ratio, return on assets and the

ratio of bad loans to assets,

But banks with low equity

capital, of which bad loans

stood at less than two billion

won (\$2.48 million), and financial

scams involving less than one billion won will be exempt.

the consequence," he added.

zone would lead to appreci-

able growth in Europe and in

North America as well as

increased trans-Atlantic

trade, mutual investment.

technological progress and

the creation of millions of

NAFTA, which came into

effect earlier this year, links

the United States, Canada and

Mexico in a free-trade area.

stroke the causes of danger-

ous political conflicts could

be eliminated conflicts which

we will long have to grapple

with again and again if we do

not take this courageous

Group of Seven (G-7) for

new employment program-

mes by comparison had had

miniscule results, even if they

were highly publicised. The G-7 efforts had hardly made

any headway in overcoming

the trans-Atlantic difficulties.

Mr. Reuter said, "because

existing obstacles to new eco-

nomic activity have not been

cleared out of the way."

He said the efforts by the

step," Mr. Reuter said.

"And above all, at one

new jobs.

A trans-Atlantic free trade

he said.

tax-evading dentists tire professional categories, instead of the hitherto "Rus-ROME (R) - Italy, determined to crack down on tax

evasion costing the state ome 100 trillion lire (\$65 billion) a year, has singled out dentists as prime suspects - rather than politicians or

other developing nations met with the Basic committee last

year for this purpose and they

planned more talks to discuss

their bank reforms.
The reforms, which include

incentives to merging banks, greater supervision and de-

posit guarantees, have started to produce results in

Arab countries. Their banks,

numbering almost 350, have

recorded growth in most sec-

Net profits surged to a re-

cord \$6 billion in 1992 from

professions.

The crackdown is expected to bring in three trillion lire (\$2 billion) this year and 13 trillion lire (\$8.5 billion) in 1995, according to cabinet sources. Total income tax re-

The finance ministry statement said that for the first time blanket inspections would be carried out on ensian roulette" method of spot checks which it said had been "profoundly unsatisfactory."

Dentists are among Italy's top earners. Since they rank as self-employed, they are exempt from pay-as-you-earn taxation. With other self-employed, many often declare surprisingly low incomes. In 1991, the statement said, the average declared annual income of 65 per cent of dentists was just 48 million lire (\$30,000).

Given the capacity of the country's tax police to make about 500,000 inspections a year, the ministry said it expected to be able to finish its checks on the three profes- ; sional categories by the beginning of 1995.

After that, the ministry aimed to extend its checks to other salary groups and by a method of "turn-over" to progressively cover the whole of Italian economic activity.

The just logic is not so much to repress tax evasion, but above all to avoid it," the ministry statement said.

GENERAL TENDENCTES: This is a day when a serious and constructive attitude on your part proves helpful. Utilise it to best

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Concentrate on spiritual matters early in the morning. Assist one who is having a rough time; teach to

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Be careful in conversations with with family.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Handle worldly affairs early in the day. Take no risks where your reputation is concerned, otherwise you may have to pay dearly later.

but you may find things tense later. Someone may try to get you to do something which you don't approve of.

credit problem is annoying you.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Situations arise which you can do nothing about, so take it easy and enjoy your favourite pursuits. Drive with utmest care.

perform. Conversations with fellow associates could mean trouble. Make the evening a happy one socially.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Although fun is on your mind, your friends are busy. Do something special for your mate. Show more generosity with your loved ones.

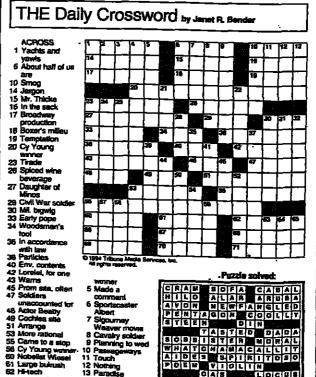
SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get all those odds

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Care in driving is

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is a good day to save money. Take care of any small repairs to property yourself and you

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Do something meditating and get out of that confused state of mind you may find yourself in. This

Birthstone. of September: Sapphire - Lapis Lazulli



billion. "The Basle decisions will enable banks to face challenges arising from growing international competition."
Mr. Manai said. "They also became imperative following repeated bank crises that started to spill into developing nations. Italy promises pain for

assets peaked \$526 billion compared with \$444 billion.

Deposits also soared by 22 5

per cent to \$326 billion and credits by 15 per cent to \$240

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ment said the first group under the fiscal spotlight would be dentists, dental technicians and property managers — a total of 52,015 declared taxpayers. It gave no reason for its choice of

The government has already announced a crackdown on tax evasion which the finance ministry says amounts to about 65 per cent of the country's huge annual budget deficit.

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By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

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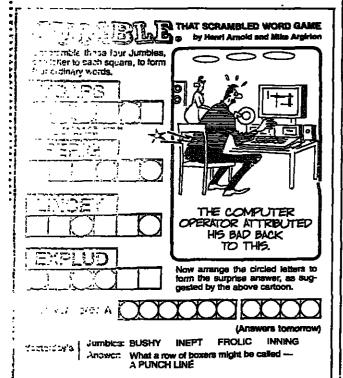
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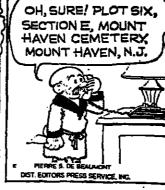


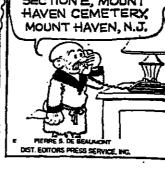
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Nissan reportedly to shift supply of Mideast-bound cars to U.S. and Europe

TOKYO (AFP) - Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. will shift the source of Middle East cars from Japan to the United States and Europe in an overall review of its supply strategy to cope with a higher yen, a news report said Saturday.

By 2000, Nissan's U.S. and European units will be supplying

about 40,000-50,000 units to Middle Eastern nations, or about a half of the Japanese car maker's expected sales to the region.

Currently, almost all Nissan cars are exported to the Middle East from Japan.

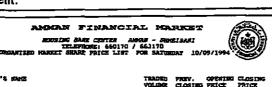
Nissan, Japan's second largest auto maker, set up a sales unit in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates in July as part of

efforts to expand sales in the region. Sales of Japanese cars in the Middle East plunged recently due to a softening of the crude oil market, falling from 450,000 units in 1992 to around 200,000 units this year, the news

But the auto market there is expected to pick up in the latter half of next year, lifted by a recovery of the world economy, it

A Western diplomat said last week that Nissan was considering opening a \$200 million assembly plant in Syria. The plant will build cars, with components imported from Japan, to be sold on the Syrian, Lebanese and Jordanian markets, and later on in Iraq.

Only the plastics and fiberglass parts of the inside body will be manufactured in Syria for export to Japan in return for the



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Saudi firm to set up \$10 million incinerator

MANAMA (R) — A private Saudi firm plans to set up a \$16 million incinerator to burn organic industrial waste, Saudi Arabia's state-controlled industrial group

The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) said in a newsletter that it would be the main customer of the private National Environmental Preservation Company (Beeah), which will install the incinerator in 1995 or early 1996.

"Beeah has finalised plans for a new 60 million rival (\$16 million) incinerator that will burn organic waste," the newsletter said, adding that the plant will have a capacity of 28 tonnes a day.

SABIC is a 70 per cent state-owned conglomerate which makes petrochemicals, plastics, fertilisers and steel.

HONG KONG (R) - Hong

Kong in May became the

world's first port to handle more than 900,000 containers

in one month, regaining its

slot from Singapore as the

world's busiest container

Saturday that May throuph-

out totalled 985,000 TEUS

(30-foot-equivalent units), up

26.8 per cent from the same

month last year. That

brought total throughput for

the first five months of 1994

to 4.167 million TEUS, up

Singapore recorded a five-

Hong Kong held the

world's busiest title in 1993

but was overtaken by Singapore during the first four

month total this year of 4.049

million, up 16.9 per cent.

21.6 per cent.

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Hong Kong retakes lead

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French firms win Chinese contracts worth \$2.5 billion

PARIS (R) — Major French companies landed 13.3 billion francs (\$2.5 billion) of business from China on the third day of Chinese President Jiang Zemin's landmark visit to Paris, officials said Satur-

french oil giant Elf Aquitaine won the lion's share, with a letter of intent ot build an oil refinery in Shanghai worth 11 billion francs (\$2.1 billion), a French industry ministry official

The company also signed a firm contract for oil sales worth 600 million francs (\$113.3 million), he said. Alcatel Cit, the telecommunications arm of industrial

giant Alcatel-Alsthom, agreed to sell 300 million francs (\$56.7 million) of equipment, he said. The thawing of relations

between the two countries also means France wheat willbe sold on Chinese markets for the first time in two years. government and industry officials said.

The big jump in the num-

ber of containers handled by

Hong Kong was due to de-mand from south China's

booming economy. It was

made possible by the opening

of the last berth at container

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ahead of schedule, the gov-

However, port expansion

The government awarded

now faces a logjam with the

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three consortia the right to

build the terminal in Novem-

ber 1992. But construction

has been delayed by disputes

with China, which takes over

Beijing says the project

constitutes a franchise valid

beyond the handover date

and needs its approval.

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the colony in 1997.

The industry official said French grain firm Soufflet had a letter of intent worth 800 million francs (\$151.1 million) for the sale of 1.3 million tonnes of wheat.

"The quantity is more than expected. It's good news," he

China halted wheat imports and curbed other trade after France sold 60 military jets to Taiwan in 1992. Leaders of the three com-

panies signed the accords at a public ceremony here Satur-"We are very satisfied. We are happy to have taken this new step forward in our rela-

tions with China," the industry ministry official said. Expectations that France and China would resume grain trade pushed French wheat prices up last week,

grain traders said. But industry sources said actual deliveries would depend on the level of subsidy

would turn a new page in relations after years of tension. He said French high technology industries deserved a bigger place in China's investment boom. Mr. Jiang is to visit nuclear

and aviation industries Sun-

day in Bordeaux and

Toulouse on a trip which

French officials hope will

help promote further ex-

Commission, which controls

grain exports by all European

five European Currency Units

(\$6.10) per tonne in special

bonuses to help the deal, but

is reluctant to allow too much

grain to leave the community

while prices on home markets

At a state dinner Friday

night, French President Fran-

cois Mitterrand said he hoped

Mr. Jiang's visit to France

Brussels last week offered

Jordan Investment and Finance Bank to raise capital to JD 10m

AMMAN (R) - Jordan Investment and Finance Bank said Saturday it was raising its capital to 10 million dinars (\$14.3 million) to help its expansion into commercial banking activities.

The investment bank's shareholders approved, at a recent extraordinary annual general meeting, a board request for the capital increase from 4.5 million dinars (\$6.4 million).

"The bank is increasing its capital to meet central bank requirements to operate as a commercial bank and expand into retail banking along with our main investment banking operations," Rajai Kossous, Jordan Investment and Finance Bank's (JTFB's) chief

economist, told Reuters. The central bank sets a minimum 10 million dinar capital requirement for com-

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mercial banks and four million dinars (\$5.7 million) for investment banks.

JIFB plans to raise its new capital by injecting four million dinars from reserves and a private placement of 1.5 million shares.

The bank's shareholders approved transferring the four million dinars from reserves and previous years earnings in a capitalisation issue, with a new stock bonus to existing shareholders.

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The capital increase still awaits Council of Ministers approval and terms of the private placement need to be set by regulatory bodies, JIFB officials said.

JIFB, one of six investment banks in the country involved mostly in project and foreign trade finance, has a total of 156 million dinars (\$224 million) in assets.

Since last year most of Jordan's 21 licensed commercial and investment banks have started raising their capital as a result of both central bank requirements and the need to expand operations after record 1993

India plans phones for 600,000 villages by '97

NEW DELHI (R) — India, inviting foreign investment for a major telecommunication revolution, wants tele-phone lines to link all of its 600,000 villages by 1997, Communications Minister Sukh Ram has said. "This sector provides enor-

mous business potential," he said at the opening of the Electronics India Trade Fair. India, as part of radical economic reforms launched in 1991, ended its decadesold state phone monopoly in May with a telecommunication policy that invited private-sector participants.

Manufacture of telecommunication equipment is also open to the private sector. The new telecommunications policy was necessary because of chronic shortages, Mr. Ram said. Three million

people are waiting for telephones, which the government wants to provide on demand by 1997. Cash-starved New Delhi says it will cost at least 230 billion rupees (\$17.4 billion)

to end the long waiting lists.

Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee said the electronics industry, which in-cludes a market for telecommunication equipment and services, offered great poten-tial as India offered both market potential and human "It is the third largest eco-

nomy in Asia with the third largest (in) technically qual-ified people in the world for manufacturing potential," he

The state-run Department of Telecommunication wants to provide 7.5 million lines in the five fiscal (April-March)

years ending 1997. Some 2.5 million more lines would be needed every year for the government to keep its promise of phones on demand by that year, hence it is seeking private investment.





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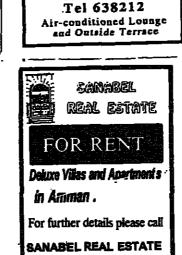






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LONDON (AP) - Antonio Pettigrew of the United States raced to his biggest victory in three years Saturday to take the 400 metres at the World Cup, while Elana Meyer ran one of the fastest 10,000 metres of all time.

gled to regain the form that won him the world title in 1991 led most of the way and held off Du'aine Ladejo of Britain to win in 45.26

This is a statement saying I'm back," Pettigrew said.
The victory was a one of few bright spots for the U.S. team on the second day of the three-day, finals-only team event. Africa led the competition with 86 points. The Americas team had 69 1/2. Europe and Britain were tied with 66, and the United

States was fifth with 63. In the women's competition. Meyer recorded the first-ever victory by a South African athlete in the World Cup's 17-year history, winning the 10.000 in 30 minutes, 52.21 seconds.

It was the fastest time in the world this year and the fourth fastest of all time, but still more than a minute behind Wang Junxia's world re-

cord set last year in China. An hour after Meyer's victory, Okkert Britts became the meet's second South African winner, taking the men's pole vault in 5.90 metres (19

Cuba, who clocked 12.91 to

Lopez' victory, her first

over Dimitrova in nine meet-

ings this season, kept the Americas team within six

points of Europe going into the final day. Europe had 79

to the Americas' 73. Ger-

many was third with 56 and a

weak U.S. team was eighth

Another European cham-pion, Irina Privalova of Rus-

sia, rebounded from defeat in

the 200 to take the 100 in

11.32. Privalova, the Euro-

pean champion over both dis-

tances, lost to Jamaica's Mer-

lene Ottey over the longer

distance in Friday's opening

session. Ottey, a last-minute

entry for the Americas team,

signed up too late to compete

Liliana Allen of Cuba was

distant second in 11.50.

victories for the favourites

It was one of several easy

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Saturday. World 800-metre chamoion Maria Mutola of feet-4 ¼ inches). Mozambique won her 30th consecutive 800-metres races, The favoured European women's team suffered a surleading from the break of lanes to beat her nearest rival orise defeat when 100-metre hurdler Svetlana Dimitrova of Bulgaria lost for only the second time this year. Unable by 12 metres (yards) in 1:58.27. There were more points for to overcome a slow start out of the blocks, the European champion was beaten at the line by defending World Cup champion Aluiska Lopez of

Africa's men from world record-holders Noureddine Morceli and Moses Kiptanui, both winners by huge mar-gins. Morceli of Algeria won the 1,500 in 3:34.70 and Kiptanui of Kenya the 3,000-metre steeplechase in

World and Olympic champion Linford Chrsitie, who wonthe 100 Friday night. anchored the British team to victory in the 1,600 relay in

Olympic champion Andrey Abduvaliyev of Tadjikistan won the hammer with a throw of 81.72 metres (268 feet-1 inch). Lance Deal of the United States took

Yoelvis Quesada of Cuba set a World Cup record in the men's triple jump, winning with a leap of 17.61 metres (57-9 ½), Vladimir Dubrovshchik of Belarus took the discus at 64.54 (211-9), and Huang Zhihong of China won the women's shot put with a throw of 19.45 (63-9

settled the match for Forest.

struggling Leicester exploded

in a flurry of red cards before

half-time. Three men were

sent off and Wimbledon won

Vinnie Jones, in his first

game as the Don's captain,

was given his marching

orders alongside Leicester's

David Lowe for fighting in

Leicester defender Brian

Lowe had earlier put

Leicester into the lead, only

for Mick Harford to bring

Wimbledon level in the 29th

minute and Leicester's Jim

Willis netted an own goal.

Carey followed four minutes

later for a challenge on Dean

2-1 with an own goal.

the 34th minute.

Wimbledon's clash with

Moonax gave his owner Sheikh Mohammad his second victory in the final English classic of the season,

Mark Johnston's Double Trigger, ridden by 20-yearold Jason Weaver, produced a gallant effort to finish third.

Returning to the winner's enclosure a delighted Eddery said: "I didn't expect him to win but Barry was quietly

"He's a big horse, very brave and cheeky with it. The instructions were to ride him tree 1 shind and just pick

when I turned into the straight just behind Sacrament, I thought 'I've got them here."

come here thinking that I'll ride him to run well and get a place, but I've ended up win-

springs St.Leger shock

DONCASTER, England (AFP) — Veteran jockey Pat Eddery won his third St. Le-ger, steering 40-1 outsider Moonax to victory in a sensational finish to the world's oldest classic race here Satur-

day.

The Barry Hills-trained colt was held up in rear during the early stages as 6-1 chance Broadway Flyer — trained by Hills' son John and ridden by another son, Michael — set a blistering pace up front.

Derby disappointment Broadway Flyer looked to bave shaken off his rivals as the 15-8 favourite Red Route — who eventually finished seventh — and Michael Stoute's 7-2 second favourite

Sacrament, cracked half-way up the home straight. But Moonax came with a sustained run inside the quarter mile and wore down the

leader, forging ahead 100 yards from the line and having a length and a quarter to spare at the finish.

following the success of Oh So Sharp in 1985.

a further three lengths away.

confident.

"I knew I had a chance

"It's exciting because I've

Broadway Flyer's trainer John Hills was far from despondent after the race saying: "Broadway Flyer ran a tremendous race and if I had to be beaten by anyone, at least it was my father.

keep their record intact LONDON (AFP) - English But Cole struck again after Stuart Pearce, from the the interval and Lee made up penalty spot, and outstanding Premiership leaders Newcasfor his penalty miss to take forward Bryan Roy Dutch Newcastle's tally to 19 goals

in five games to stay top of

Liverpool, the only other side in the Premiership with

an unbeaten record, failed to

breach 10-man West Ham's

defence at Anfield as the

Alan Shearer, who scored

both goals in England's 2-0

midweek win over the United

States, again scored twice as

Blackburn beat Everton 3-0.

Jason Wilcox scored the

Premiership newcomers

Nottingham Forest continued

their impressive start to the

match finished 0-0.

Newcastle beat Chelsea,

tie twice allowed the lead to slip through their hands in their St. James' Park clash with Chelsea before finally winning 4-2. Chelesea, who had Dennis

Wise sent off, could not cope with the Newcastle pressure in the second half to lose their own 100 per cent re-Andy Cole fired the Geor-

dies in front with his 51st goal in 57 league appearances in the seventh minute, but Gavin Peacock levelled in the 15th minute. Ruel Fox reclaimed Newcastle's advantage, pouncing

to shoot into the empty net after Dimitri Kharine had saved Robert Lee's penalty. Chelesea again battled back and record signing Paul

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season with a 4-1 win over Sheffield Wednesday. Kingsley Black put them ahead and three second half Furlong levelled terms in the goals from Lars Bohinen.

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Al Hussein crush Al Qadissieh to maintain Arafeit kicks lead in Jordan Soccer League championship

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Al Hussein Club of Irbid maintained their lead in the first division soccer championship Friday as they thrashed Al Qadissieh 5-1, raising their points in the second week of the championship to four Meanwhile, newcomers

Kufr Soom continued their surprising performance as they stunned Shabab Al Hussein 4-2, thus jumping to second place on goal difference over Al Wihdat which Friday upset cham-pions Al Faisali at Amman International Stadium 1-0. Kufr Soom's goals were scored by Bilal Obeidat

(three goals), and Shaman Yousef Shabab Al Hussein's goals were scored by Maher Sarsour and Mohammad Fattout.

Al Hussein, which last month won the Federation Shield, their first since they were promoted to the first

unable to score any goal in the first half of the match against Al Qadissieh of Amman, ending the first half scoreless. In the second half, Al Hussein players' perseverance paid off as they scored five goals. These were scored by Aref Hussein (two goals), Ahmad Al Shagran, Muneeb Gharaibeh and Jamal Nawasrah. Al Qadissieh's only goal was scored

by Ismaeel Al Awadat.

In the long awaited match between the 1993 champions Al Faisali and runners-up Al Wibdat, Al Faisali controlled the first half but was unable to score as its stars Jiryes Tadros, Musa Awad and Jamal Abu Abed squandered

several scoring chances. In the second half, Al Wihdat concentrated their attacks and only 10 minutes from the start their defender Issam Mahmoud managed to score. The match was attended by 20,000

son, although the match was broadcast live by Jordan Television.

In another match played Friday, Al Ramtha exploited a last minute chance to defeat Al Jeel 2-1 in a match staged in Al Mafraq City. Al Ramtha's

goals were scored by Saleem Thiyabat and Frid Salaymen while Al Jers goal was scored by Sharel

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JORDAN RETURNS: Former NBA basketball star Michael Jordan (centre) slam-dunks the ball over opponent Corie Blount (left) Friday at Chicago Stadium as teammate Gary Payton (right) looks on during a charity game. Jordan scored 52 points in his first return to basketball since his retirement from the game (AFP photo)

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Pankratov gives Russia their 3rd swimming gold

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Pankratov came home nearly five metres clear of Kiwi silver medallist Danyon Loader, clocking 1min

Loader's time of 1:57.99 pushed Germany's Chris-Carol Bremer into the bronze medal position by 12 hundredths of a second.

Lu Bin won an eighth gol for China's women with a equally empthatic victory it the 200m individual medey Lu clocked 2min 12.34sec American Allison Wagner

who had qualified fastes claimed silver with 2:14.40 The American women's team are still looking for their fire gold here. Australian Elli Overton

von bronze in 2:15:26. Russia's Alexander Popor completed a world 50m and 100m double to go with his two Olympic titles, clocking

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likely to get three different answers. Although the modern trend is to lead low, all will agree that when leading from an honor, including the ten, you should start with the lowest card because you might not be able to spare the high card. West learned the hard way on this deal that there are other reasons as well. are other reasons as well.

The auction was straightforward.

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Declarer decided West was unlikely to be leading the ten of diamonds away from the king, so declarer grabbed dummy's acc. Af-

declarer grabbed dummy's ace. Af-ter drawing trumps in three rounds, ending in hand, declarer led the queen of clubs. West ducked, East won the ace and shifted to a heart won the ace and shifted to a heart.
The jack was covered by the queen
and taken by the ace and another
club forced out the king and set up a
club for a heart discard. Eventually,
declarer led a diamond toward the

Suppose the opening lead had been a low diamond. Since going up losing two diamond tricks when only one need be lost, declarer would surely have played low. Now the defenders would have two ways to defeat the contract. The ace of class and another would allow East to ruff away the slow chib winner; or a heart shift, followed by another heart when in with the ace of clubs would set up a heart trick for the defense before South could negoti-

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Arafat kicks off Palestinian soccer game against Qatar

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Two wins in Italy and Por-

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fore the last three races of the

Finnish driver J.J. Lehto,

who has replaced Schu-

macher in the Benetton

team, was on the 10th row.

a broken neck in a testing

accident early this year and

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Lehto has recovered from

and a potential 20 more.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Yasser Arafat showed off his footwork Friday when he kicked off the first .Palestinian-Arab soccer match in the Gaza Strip following 27 years of Israeli occupation.

Before the match against Qatar's Al Waqra soccer club, Arafat kicked the ball back and forth with Sheikh Khalifa Al Thani, a mem-ber of Qatar's ruling family and president of the club. The estimated 3,000 spectators loved it. And the

day got even better. The Palestinian team racked up a 3-0 lead by half-time and scored once more in the second half. The Qataris managed a face-saving goal in the 85th minute lose 4-1.

MONZA, Italy (AFP) -

Damon Hill's hopes of capi-

talising on the enforced abs-

ence of world championship

leader Michael Schumacher

were dashed by Ferrari here

The red cars won both

positions on the front row of

the starting grid for Sunday's

Italian Formula One Grand

Prix with Hill third fastest in

Jean Alesi of France was in

pole position alongside Au-

strian teammate Gerhard

Hili, who won at Monza

up the gap of Schumacher

who is sitting out a two-race

ban. He will start alongside

fellow-Briton Johnny Her-

bert, an unexpected fourth-

last year, was trying to make man Grand Prix in July.

Saturday.

his Williams.

shekels (\$3) each, about a quarter of the average daily wage in the impoverished Gaza Strip, to attend the game at Yarmouk Stadium.

Thani blamed his team's poor performance on the sandy field, the absence of six top players and the 36hour trip to get to the Gazz Strip.
The Palestinians, in yel-

low and blue, were assem-bled mainly from residents of the nearby Jabaliya refugee camp.

Despite the win, fan
Mohammad Dief said it

would be a long time be-fore the Palestinians were capable of competing internationally. "Our sport is like our economy," he laughed. "It's bad."

Ferrari barrier to

Hill's F1 title hopes

David Coulthard of Bri-

tain, racing at Monza for the

first time, was fifth-fastest in

the other Williams alongside

the surprising Olivier Panis of France in a Ligier.

was seventh-fastest in a mod-

ified McLaren who were

ordered by motor racing au-thorities to change their con-

Ferrari have been steadily

improving this year and Ber-

ger ended a 58-race losing steak for Ferrari at the Ger-

Schumacher, who with 76

points leads the cham-

pionship by 21 points from Hill, last week lost an appeal

against a two-race ban for

troversial gearbox.

Mika Hakkinen of Finland

Palestinian soccer players of the Jabaliya Qatari team Al Waqra before the start of their refugee camp (left) shake hands with players of match in Gaza Friday (AFP photo)

Purefoods dump Alaska to win Philippine title

MANILA (R) — Purefoods used a decisive 17-6 run to close the game to easily beat Alaska Milk 94-79 on Friday and win the Philippine Basketbali Association (PBA) second conference

championship in Manila. Purefoods guard Glenn Capacio, who missed a gametying free throw in the last three seconds of the fourth match and allow Alaska to escape with a victory, fired six straight points in the middle of the run to key the

series clinching win.

The Hotdogs won the bestof-seven series 4-1 before a crowd of 12,000 people in

"The free throw I missed spurred me to play better in this game," Capacio, who scored 21 points, told repor-

"It was a game that showed who was tougher," Pure-foods coach Chot Reyes said.

From a narrow 77-73 lead early in the fourth quarter, the Hotdogs reeled off 11 points with Capacio capping the spurt to stake Purefoods to the biggest lead of the game at 88-75.

"It feels really good. I'm going to go home to the (United) States and try out for the NBA," Kenny Redfield, the American player of Purefoods who won the best import award in the tournament, said.

Alaska grabbed an early eight point lead at the beginning of the game before Purefoods rallied behind 20 first half points by Filipino star Alvin Patrimonio.

Graf and Sanchez Vicario advance to U.S. Open final

NEW YORK (AP) - The world's top two players. Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, solved the tricky winds at the National Tennis Centre Friday to move into the U.S. Open women's championship

Seeking her second Grand Slam title of 1994 and her second straight U.S. Open crown, Graf won the final five games to beat Jana Novotna 6-3, 7-5.

Then Sanchez Vicario, the French Open champion, defeated the 1990 champion. Gabriela Sabatini. 6-1, 7-6

"It was difficult with the wind today to play against Jana," Graf said. "She played exceptionally well, but I was able to squeeze it out in the second set. Novotna's loss brought

back memories of the 1993 Wimbledon final, when, on the verge of winning the title, she also lost the last five games to Graf. "You can't compare this to

Wimbledon," Novotna said. "This is hardcourts. It is different games.' Novotna led early in each

set, but Graf raised her game and answered with a service break of her own. In the opening set, Novot-

na took a 3-2 lead by breaking Graf's service from deuce. The world's topranked player used it as a wakeup call.

She broke her Czech opponent from deuce, held at love, broke from deuce again, then held at 15 to wrap up the first set.

While Novotna was down a set, at least she had earned a moral victory. The set took



Top-seeded Steffi Graf of Germany reacts to winning match point against seventh-seeded Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic Friday during the semifinals of the U.S. Open in New York (AFP photo)

42 minutes to complete; Graf's longest match before Friday was 55 minutes long. Novotna, her nerves and game under control most of

the time, broke Graf's service again in the fourth game of the second set. When Novotna held serve after a long battle, she had a 4-1 advantage 71 minutes after the two had begun play.

Two games later, Novotna had a 5-2 lead and was on the verge of tying the match at one set apiece. She reached double set point at 15-40, but couldn't close it out.

tin and no. 4 Michael Stich was to play Karel Novacek in Saturday's semifinals. Earlier Friday, Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis of

seeded Andre Agassi was to face ninth-seeded Todd Mar-

the Netherlands won the men's doubles, defeating Australians Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

On Thursday, Elna Reinach of South Africa and Patrik Galbraith of Tacoma. Wash., teamed to win the mixed doubles championship, defeating Novotna and Woodbridge 6-2, 6-4. On the men's side, un-



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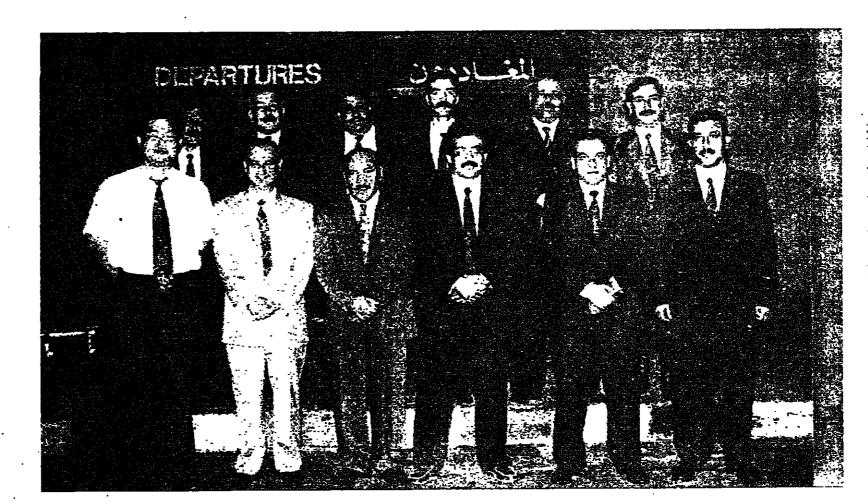






Samsung Electronics has invited a group of its Jordanian dealers to visit Korea between September 9 -16, 1994. The dealers will be taken on an orientation tour throughout the Samsung factories in Seoul in order to get a better understanding of and feel for the Samsung products. The week-long trip will also include visits to prominent Korean landmarks and tourist attractions. This trip marks the first of its kind among electronics dealers in Jordan and will continue to be an annual

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Iraq, Russia sign \$10b trade and industry deal

Aziz heads for Security Council talks

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Baghdad and Moscow have signed a \$10 billion deal on trade and industrial and oil projects in Iraq by Russian firms, official newspapers said on Saturday.

They said Russia was keen to resume its once lucrative trade with Baghdad.

The deal was signed by Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammad Mehdi Saleh, who ended a visit to Moscow on Friday. He led a delegation of senior officials from various minis-

The papers quoted Russian Foreign Economic Relations Minister Oleg Davydov as saying his country would start implementing the deal immediately.

There is nothing that bars the exchange of bilateral trade as Russia is exporting some equipment to Iraq, in-cluding combine harvesters," Mr. Davydov said.

Mr. Saleh said the deal was first step to expand bilateral ties, ruptured by U.N. trade sanctions imposed because of Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of

Iraq hopes Russia's sympathy and keenness to revive trade will help its case at the U.N. Security Council, which is due to review the sanctions

by mid-September. The Iraqi News Agency said the agreement with Russia covered industry and oil projects, but did not go into

It quoted Mr. Saleh as saying he hoped for a return to normal economic relations between the two countries and said Mr. Davydov praised Iraq's commitment to

USEDOM, Germany (Agencies) — European Union

(EÚ) foreign ministers

agreed on Saturday to ease sanctions against Serbia to reward Beigrade for having

cut support to the Serbs fight-

ing in Bosnia, sources close

A reliable source said that

the 12 ministers "endorsed in

principle" the conclusions of

the so-called contact group

(Britain, France, Germany,

Russia and the United States)

which met for two days ear-

The first of these conclu-

sions was, the diplomat told

journalists, that the "changed

attitude" of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic

should be taken into

account and should be re-

sponded to in an appropriate

that the ministers, who were

meeting in an informal closed

doors session, agreed sanc-

Russian Deputy Foreign

Minister Vitaly Churkin said

Wednesday after attending

the contact group meeting

that, in response to Mr.

Milosevic's move, the group

would be recommending to

tions should be eased.

This was taken to mean

manner."

lier this week in Berlin.

to the ministers said.

EU ministers agree to

ease Serbia sanctions

fulfill its financial obligations despite the U.N. embargo's crippling of its economy.

The sanctions, which allow only imports of humanitarian items, have stripped Iraq of its main revenue-earner - oil exports -- and triggered rampant inflation.

Iraq has a \$7 billion debt to Russia from when Moscow was one of its main trading partners and principle weapons suppliers before the sanctions were imposed in

Russia is one of several Security Council members who have recently advocated a softer line in dealing with Baghdad, in recognition of its stepped-up compliance with U.N. conditions for the lifting of sanctions.

The reported trade deal was the result of five days of talks in Moscow.

On Monday, Russia's interfax news gency said negotiations envisaged Baghdad paying in both oil and hard currency for Russian help in building steel, methanol and other industrial facilities.

Earlier this summer, a group of Russian oil companies began talks with Iraqi officials which could lead to contracts worth up to \$2.5 billion to rebuild Iraq's war-

ravaged oil industry.
Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz left Amman
Saturday for New York to
press for an end to the U.N.

embargo. Iraqi embassy spokesman in Amman, Adel Ibrahim said Mr. Aziz would attend the Sept. 18 Security Council session scheduled to review

the U.N. Security Council

that it consider easing sanc-tions to the U.N. Security

Council that it consider eas-

ing sanctions against Serbia.
A second contact group

conclusion endorsed by the

ministers, in the course of a

long lunch in this German

Baltic seaside resort, was that

the border between Serbia

and the Bosnian Serbs' terri-

tory must stay closed and that

"a degree of control" be ex-

ercised over it, the diplomat

The 12 agreed that no

more weapons should be

allowed to reach the Bosnian

Serbs and that there must be

The ministers also discus-

sed the situation in Bihac,

northwest Bosnia-

Herzegovina, which they

agreed was "very serious" and "should be kept under

further control and supervi-

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and French

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe

at the same meeting came out

against any lifting of the arms

embargo on the Bosnian

the diplomat con-

an end to "ethnic cleansing."

he added.

sion,"

officials and foreign diplomats "to see what is impeding an end to the sanctions against Iraq." Mr. Ibrahim told the Associated Press.

Mr. Aziz, who arrived in Amman late Friday night, left Amman aboard a Royal Jordanian flight. There are no commercial flights out of Baghdad due to the U.N.

Iraq says the sanctions are no longer justified since it has complied with most terms of a U.N. cease-fire agreement that ended the 1991 Gulf war.

The key terms stipulate the elimination of Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction and the establishment by U.N. technical experts of a monitoring programme to ensure Iraq does not try to rebuild or reacquire such weapons by clandestine

Once the system is working effectively — experts esti-mate six months after it is put into operation — the Security Council will decide whether to lift the part of the embargo which bans oil exports. Iraq's

economic mainstay.
Security Council permannet members France, Russia and China would like to see the oil embargo lifted in the near future. future.

The United States and Britain, the other permanent members, oppose any relaxation until Iraq adheres to all U.N. conditions such as recognising the U.N.demarcated border with Kuwait and improving its human rights record.

Subhi Amr

laid to rest

MMAN (J.T.) — Subh

Amin Amr, a former minis-

ter and senator, was laid to

rest Saturday at Sahab

of a heart attack at the age

of 80. He is survived by

three sons: Sami, Ya'coub

During the 1950s and 60s

Amr was appointed several

Also, during the 1960s he

served as minister of de-

velopment and reconstruc-

Dr. Amr was from the

His Royal Highness

rown Prince Hassan, the

Regent, on Saturday vi-sited the residence of the

Amr family and expressed condolences on behalf of His Majesty King Hussein.

West Bank town of Dura

times as minister of health.

Amr passed away Friday

cemetry in Amman.

and Ihsan.

near Hebron



PROTESTS IN DHAKA: Police drag arrested protesters on Saturday after an opposition demonstration in Dhaka, Bangladesh, demanding elections under a non-partisan interim administration (AFP photo)

Rights of migrants, refugees in focus at conference on population, development

From Mariam M. Shakin in Cairo

A JUBILANT Nafis Sadiq, secretary-general of the In-ternational Conference on Population and Development (IPCD), announced Saturday that "there was a consensus" and the "abortion issue has now been dealt with" to a crowd of several thousand clapping women. The announcement also drewpraise from women who had come to speak and lobby forchanges on more wideranging issues on population and development.

"We salute Dr. Sadio for her courage and her resolve to bring women's issues to the forefront. As a woman from the South, as a woman from an Islamic nation she has faced threats to her life and she has stood steadfast. In her we have found a world leader for women," Susan Davis, an American who heads Women's Environment and Development Organisation in New York, told the

The conclusion of the debate on the abortion clause in the Cairo document allowed ranging issues in the general assembly. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and representatives of developing nations say that one of the most important of the remaining points of discussion are family reunification rights and the rights of migrant workers and refugees.

The IPCD's main committee said last week that most of the issues relating to migration had been agreed upon. But one of the main issues relating to family reunification of migrants was still opposed by countries in the European Community which argue that allowing families to join migrant workers would increase the migrations from South to North that the European Community has been trying to limit. In response to the "fortress

Europe" mentality — as the opposition of immigration to Europe has been called the Cairo document calls on governments to "take effective action to eliminate all forms of coercion and discrimination in policies and practices related to marriage, unions and the family.

Members of the Council of Europe, who are lobbying to have some of the restrictions on reunification of migrant workers removed, says that the 32-member council was working . towards removing fears in Europe. "We want to make it clear to Europe that the South is not invading the North as many of them fear. The southern migrants mainly move within the South and Europe has just a small portion of that migration," said a council delegate.

Chapter 10 of the Cairo document — "International Migration" — addresses the rights of migrants, both, documented and undocumented, as well as refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons. Up to .. "We find one serious omis-1993 there were 19 million documented refugees workdwide. The Cairo document and special lobby groups aim to assure equal health and educational services to the displaced communities as a short-term goal and the elimination of the causes that create the uprooting of populations as long-term

Chapters five and 10 would address the health and educational woes of migrant communities in Europe and refugee communities worldwide by attempting to entice governments to provide the same health and educational provisions to the migrant and refugee populations as it does to its citizens.

'This includes addressing the situation in areas of conflict such as former Yugoslavia, the situation of Palestine refugees in places like Lebanon and the problems of the Kurdish populations amongst many others," said Swiss Parliamentarian Leni Robert. who prepared the Council of Europe report on migration for the conference.

The International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood centres (IFS), an association of national, regional and local non-profit service organisa-tions, which is accredited to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, is by far the strongest of more than a dozen lobby groups pressing for rights of migrants and

refugees.
Last week the IFS presented the general assembly of the conference with a list of suggested changes and altion on migrants and refugees could give impetus to a change in the status of both groups.

sion (with regards) to migrastates the IFS document submitted to the Cairo _conference.

Pressing for the right of migrants to a place in the workforce the IFS document states: "We would like to see some reorientation of (the document) to the human needs of the various types of displaced individuals who are treated more as victims of the economy that as participants. The emphasis on finding the eauses of displacement results in downplaying the mea-sures needed to make the movements of peoples economically productive and responsive to human needs. A small example of this larger problem is the absence of the need to provide suitable housing or to enable the migrants to define their own needs and to participate in solving their problems."

One of the most controversial suggestions made by the IFS is likely to be voted down. It deals with representation and selfdetermination rights in the communities where refugees find themselves. A sentence might be added providing for the "inclusion of representatives of migrants and/or refugees in machinery de-veloped to analyse both the causes of displacement and possible amelioration of the conditions involved."

"We would like to see an additional paragraph added to the objectives which would call attention to the human side of migration and indicate that one objective is to enable migrants to participate directly in the determination the country of initial destination or move to another country, or return to their country of origin," the IFS document said.

If applied to the Palestine refugee issue the last of the IFS proposals would be yet another affirmation of the

"right of return."
"While we support the proposals dealing with re-fugees, we urge that they be strengthened by the addition of some more specific measures calling for implementation within specific time limits, and developed in cooperation with nongovernmental agencies which could be delegated to carry out and or supervise their implementation," concluded the IFS list of suggestions, which were debated Saturday at the population conference.

Top Thai police fired in Saudi gems scandal

BANGKOK (R) — Two top

Thai policemen have been fired and will be charged in connection with a long-run-ning scandal involving stolen Saudi jewellery, the Deputy interior minister said Saturday. Lieutenant-General Chaior Kerdthes and Sophon Sawikamin were sacked late Friday because of what an Interior Ministry order called "untrustworthy conduct" that may obstruct investigations into the case and damage the state. Deputy Interior Minister Den Tohmeena said he expected formal charges very soon" against the pair. He said other police held as suspects had implicated them in the case, involving the theft of \$20 million worth of gems from a Saudi palace and the mysterious death of a gem trader's wife and son. The minister said the suspects had reported that the generals gave the orders that led to the abduction of the wife and son of the gem trader, who is a key state witness in the case. Police Friday filed charges against two other policemen - Lieutenant-Colonel Pansak Mongkolsiri and Sub-Lieutenant Yong Nakram — over the abduc-tion and illegal detention of Sarawadi Sithanakahn and her 14-year-old son Seri. She and her son were found dead in their car on a road north of Bangkok on Aug. 2. The cause of their deaths is still under investigation but most police officers are treating it as murder. Police said Lt. Yong had confessed that he was involved in the abduction and killings and implicated his former boss Lt. Col. Pansak and the two police generals. Ms. Sarawadi's jewellery trader husband, Santi, is alleged to have bought some of the \$20 million worth of jewellery stolen from a Saudi palace in 1989 by a Thai servant employed there. The servant fled back to Thailand with the haul and was tracked down and arrested in early 1990, but much of the jewellery eventually returned to Saudi Arabia was fake.

Indian court stays screening of Bandit Queen

NEW DELHI (AFP) — An

Indian court Friday stayed until Sept. 28 the screening of a highly-acclaimed movie based on the life of former Bandit Queen Phoolan Devi, who says the production violates her privacy. Justice Virender Jain ordered producer S.S. Bedi to hand over the original version of the film, Bandit Queen, to enable the Delhi High Court to consider a request by Mr. Devi to ban the movie. Ms. Devi Tuesday sued the makers of the film, saying they had violated her right to privacy. She also sought damages which a lawyer said could run into millions of rupees. Judge Jain asked Mr. Bedi, director Shekhar Kapur, author Mala Sen, whose book about Ms. Devi was the basis for the screenplay, and Britain's Channel 4 Television, which commissioned the movie, to file their replies within a week. Ms. Devi sought sanctuary in the Chambal ravines, the heartland of banditry in northern India, after allegedly gunning down 22 men to avenge her gang rape and the murder of her paramour by upper-caste

Paper names officials in Vietnam scandal

HANOI (AFP) - A Vietnamese newspaper has named seven top provincial officials caught with prostitutes in their hotel rooms during a holiday in the resort of Vung Tau in the first such case to be publicised here. The seven officials from Kien Giang province included two from the Communist Party and the Fatherland Front, a party umbrella organisation for social organisations and religions, the Tuoi Tre news-paper said. The newspaper said the officials were caught during a police raid after taking prostitutes to their rooms at the southern resort town, which has become notorious for its sex industry. Vung Tau police sent a notice to the authorities in Kien Giang giving the names of the officials, who included a senior figure from the provincial People's Committee or local govern-

Perceived Saudi role in Yemeni war deepens chasm in ties

CHANCES FOR Yemeni-Saudi reconciliation have been seriously set back by alleged Saudi support for southern secessionists in the Yemeni civil war and reports of Riyadh funding Yemeni exiles to undergo military training in Saudi territory, diplomats and Yemenis say.

However, officials of the Sanaa government play down the issue and express optimism that ties with Yemen's giant eastern neighbour could be on the mend after a strain of more than four years.

"There are indications that relations could be improved," said Planning Minister Abdul Karim Iryani. "But I cannot tell you there is a breakthrough.

"As far as Yemen is concerned, there are no psychological, political or practical barriers to normalisation of relations with its neighbours," Dr. Iryani told the Jordan Times. "It is up to the others to decide how they want their rela-

tionship with Yemen." While that is the official position, the man on the Yemeni street feels differently. Perceived Saudi backing for the Yemeni Socialist Party (YSP), the dominant group that led the May 4-July 7 secessionist war, against the backdrop of a strain in relations sparked by Yemeni sympathy for Iraq during the Gulf crisis of 1990-91 have

deeply angered them.
We already have enough troubles without Saudi Arabia meddling in our internal affairs," said Wa'ad Othman, a grocer in Sanaa. "It would seem that they have the money, but nothing else to do but create trouble all over."

Yemenis are proud of their democracy and be-lieve that Saudi Arabia's role in the secessionist war was prompted by a desire to thwart united Yemen emerging as a strong democratic country in what the Saudis considered as their backyard.

For many Yemenis, it is an established fact that Saudi Arabia settled the bills for arms supplied by Egypt the secessionists. sent battle tanks to the south and also paid for "mercenaries" to fly Russian fighter/bombers against government forces during the civil war. Both Saudi Arabia and

Egypt as well as Russia

have officially denied the charges, but many in Sanaa take little heed of those protestations.

Khaled Shreeti, a university student from Taiz in central Yemen, described the victory of the government forces in the war as a slap in the face of Saudi Arabia, but warned that Riyadh might be planning

"I don't think they would forget about the whole thing and start a new page in relationship now that the war is over," said Mr. Shreeti as he chewed the traditional Yemeni qat in a downtown Sanaa shop selling electronic goods.

"They will try to get back at Yemen and this could mean not only a battle on the diplomatic front but also military support for a revived war," he said. Mr. Shreeti and many

others cite reports that young men from the south were sneaking across the Gulf of Aden to Djibouti, where they are allegedly picked up by YSP exiles and sent to military training camps in Saudi Arabia.
"Why should the Saudis

finance such activites?" asked Fouad Loaui, a bank clerk in Sanaa. "Definitely they want to rebuild the southern forces and relaunch the war sometime

Aden residents confirmed that many of their youth had left the country for Diibouti, but few knew anything about the alleged military training camps in Saudi Arabia.

'We have also heard of it, but don't know of anyone actually being taken to training camps." said Layla, an Aden schoolteacher. "But there is a marked decline in the number of students attending high school exams," which started in late August, she

Many Yemenis blindly believe reports that Saudi Arabia sent more than 60 battle tanks across the border to southern Yemen and paid for hiring 30 Russians MiG-29 fighter jets which attacked government positions during the war.

"The tanks were driven by highly paid Asian drivers," said a university professor in Sanaa. "They were intercepted by the government forces after a

Many say that the "tipoffs" over the tanks and Egyptians ships carrying arms for the south came from the U.S., which is

seen as anxious to avoid instability in the Arabian Peninsula. Saudi-Yemeni relations

have been on the rocks since August 1990 when Yemenis openly expressed support for Iraq following its invasion of Kuwait and opposed a military option to end the crisis. Yemen, then a member of the U.N. Security Council, also opposed a council resolution endorsing a forced eviction of Iraq from Kuwait.

In retaliation, Saudi Arabia sent home nearly one million Yemeni expatriates and shut off all economic aid to its neighbour, often described as the most impoverished country in the Arabian Peninsula.

Since then, repeated Yemeni efforts to reconcile with Saudi Arabia have not borne fruit. A dispute over ownership of a border area believed to be rich in oil had complicated the situation even before the civil war cast serious doubts over Sanaa-Riyadh recon-

Saudi-Yemeni borders were never defined another legacy that the British colonial power left behind as it withdrew from its last bastion in the Arabian Peninsula in 1967. The unsettled borders were an irritant but not a major cause of tension between the neighbours until the recent strain in relations.

Indeed, for many Yemenis, the Saudi claim to the disputed border area is another source of anger. The Saudis already have enough oil while Yemen does not," said Mr. Louai the bank clerk. "Obviously they do not want Yemen to be economically stable."

"But that does not justify their refusal to accept Yemen's territorial rights and there will be hell to pay if they continue to do so," he warned.

Diplomats say army officers, buoyed by their victory in the civil war, reflect such sentiments. "Many officers say that they are willing to go to war with Saudi Arabia if the Saudis deny Yemen its territory," said a North African diplomats.

But the government, anxious to mend fences with Saudi Arabia, believes the issue could be settled through diplomatic means. Delegations from both sides have met a few times, but little actual progress has been achieved. Howev-

er. Dr. Iryani is one of those who are convinced that both sides want a negotiated settlement. "Border problems should not be ignored or played down," said Dr. Iryani. "It is in the interest of Yemen and Saudi Ara-

bia to have a firm agreement on the question of borders between them." Dr. Iryani, a leading moderate force in the Yemeni government and close to President Ali Abdullah Saleh, believes that unless border de-

marcation is carried out,

"the relationship will

fluctuate as a result of fric-

tion over undefined bor-"I am sure that Saudi Arabia and Yemen do consider the resolution of this issue a high priority under normal condition of relations," he said. "Both should commit themselves to definitely and finally reaching an agreement. An honest commitment to reaching an agreement is very essential for a stable.

The writer, a member of the Jordan Times Staff, has just returned after a visit to the Republic of Yemen.

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